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Blaze destroys Barn Theatre

MEMORIES UP IN SMOKE



Joplin firefighters attempt to extinguish a blaze early Thanksgiving morning at the Barn Theatre. Dallas Fortner, campus security officer, reported the fire, and 17 firefighters and seven trucks were on the scene by 1:10 a.m. The blaze was under control in 30 minutes and completely out within an hour.

STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANCELL

Future remains uncertain

BY STEPHEN MOORE
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A Nov. 22 fire at Missouri Southern has left the future of the Barn Theatre uncertain.

The blaze was spotted by campus security officer Dallas Fortner early Thanksgiving morning. Fortner said he was near Young Gymnasium when he noticed smoke coming from the roof of the Barn.

According to Earl Goddard, Joplin fire inspector, fire officials were on the scene by 1:10 a.m. with 17 firefighters and seven trucks. Goddard said the blaze was under control within 30 minutes and completely extinguished within an hour.

According to a report released by the fire department, the blaze began in the west end of the second floor of the structure and was confined to the second floor. The inside of the theatre was destroyed as well as part of the roof.

An official with the Joplin fire chief's office said there were signs of forced entry and that the fire had been classified as intentional.

Sgt. Terry Foulks, a Joplin detective in charge of the investigation, said he was not sure whether the fire at the Barn was related to the Oct. 30 fire at 15th Street Lumber in

Joplin, also thought to be the result of arson.

According to Foulks, rumors have circulated regarding possible suspects in the blaze, but he does not want to act on these rumors without first checking out their sources. He said, however, that some progress has been made in the investigation.

"There are two young men I'm looking for that some young ladies said were there when the trucks arrived," he said. "I wouldn't say they are suspects, but I do want to talk to them."

A \$5,000 reward has been set up through the Missouri Arson Hotline for individuals with information leading to the conviction of persons responsible for the fire.

In addition to the building itself, some equipment stored there was burned as well. According to Val Carlisle, director of student activities, a \$2,000 electric movie screen was among the items ruined.

"It's now just one huge column of silicon," Carlisle said.

According to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, the Barn is insured with the American International Adjustment Company for

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The Barn Theatre Through the Years

1927► Built as a grooming center for prize herefords. It was the principal barn on the 618-acre Mission Hills Estate.

June 1966► Renovation of the barn begun by Milton Brietzke, director of theatre, and Duane Hunt, assistant professor of theatre. Along with others, they shoveled out manure, removed a thick concrete floor, installed furnaces and pipes, and built restrooms, a ticket office, classrooms, a costume shop, dressing rooms, a stage, and seating for 144.

Oct. 21, 1967► Actor Dennis Weaver participates in dedication ceremonies. The theatre department presents its first play in the Barn, "Anna Karenina."

May 1976► The four-day performance of "Giants in the Earth" ends the theatre department's nine-year stay in the Barn Theatre. Taylor Auditorium is nearly ready for occupancy.

1988► Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre, decides to return several productions to the "intimate" setting of the Barn. "Fool for Love" is staged in November.

November 1989► "The Diviners" is the final full-scale theatre production to be held in the Barn.

Feb. 13, 1990► An inspection by a Joplin fire safety official uncovers at least 14 hazards, including the lack of a sprinkler system.

Feb. 16, 1990► The building is closed for occupancy. Repairs are estimated at \$88,000. Conforming the Barn to a three-hour fire resistant rating could double that figure.

October 1990► The Student Senate establishes a "Save the Barn" committee "to see if it is a cause worthy of raising \$200,000."

Nov. 22, 1990► Much of the Barn's upper level and roof are destroyed by fire.

Nov. 23, 1990► A state fire investigator finds evidence that the fire was intentionally set. A \$5,000 reward is set.

Some feeling a personal loss

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In addition to the monetary loss resulting from the arson-linked destruction of the Barn Theatre, some students and faculty are feeling a personal loss.

The theatre originally was used as a facility for cattle when the site of Missouri Southern's campus was a dairy farm.

In 1966, Milton Brietzke, former director of theatre, and Duane Hunt, assistant professor of theatre, decided to utilize the space for a theatre. Hunt and Brietzke, working with students and a carpenter, cleaned out the building and began the process of converting it.

"I remember when we shoveled manure and washed fly specks off the walls and removed the stalls," Hunt said.

Until the opening of Taylor Auditorium in 1976, the Barn was host to all theatre department productions. It is these productions, Hunt said, that hold fond memories for him.

"In particular, I remember *Once Upon a Mattress* that had a cast of 24 people," he said. "How we put them all on the stage singing and dancing, I don't know."

The Barn's "postage-stamp" stage measured only 20 feet wide and 18 feet deep. The theatre seated 144. Another production, *Inherit the*

Wind, featured a cast of 56 people and one monkey.

Brietzke, now living in Huntsville, Ala., said he was saddened when he received news of the fire. He said the Barn represented a tangible part of his career.

"I was pretty devastated when I heard about the Barn burning," he said. "I spent some of my happiest years at Missouri Southern."

John Borders, a senior management technology major, said the Barn holds special significance for him in that there he met his fiancée and kissed her for the first time.

"We're both kind of down about it because we're getting married at the end of this month and it was going to be a nice place to go back and see," Borders said.

Borders was a member of the Campus Activities Board at the time and assisted with movies that were shown regularly in the Barn. He said the fire means the loss of the last historical building on campus. He said the mansion has changed too much from its original form.

"They haven't done anything to that barn for years and years," he said. "There was so much left. I think it was one of the nicest old buildings they could have."

Val Carlisle, director of student activities, said since the Barn closed, many students have been dissatisfied with the CAB showing its movies in

the Billingsly Student Center.

She hopes the Barn will be rebuilt to its original form to retain its special style.

"A new structure wouldn't have the same personality," she said. "We feel like it was our favorite uncle."

"That was the only structurally interesting building that this place still has," Carlisle said.

Tracy Eden, senior theatre major, performed in a production at the Barn as a freshman. In February he saw *Covet*, a play he had written, read there just before the Barn was closed as a fire hazard.

Eden said he would like to see the Barn rebuilt, but doesn't believe it will be done in the near future.

"Knowing the financial state of the College, I know it won't happen for some time," he said. "It would be wonderful if they could actually get the money together to do it and do it safely."

Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre, said although most theatre students feel a loss with the destruction of the Barn, it was not heightened because of their involvement with the facility.

"We feel a loss the way the rest of the College felt a loss," he said, "that some crazed person could have done this."

"We didn't feel as if we lost a theatre because we lost that in February."

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THE AFTERMATH



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

State fire investigators begin to evaluate damage to the Barn Theatre on Nov. 26, four days after a suspicious fire took its toll.

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
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Winding up its initial semester, the writing intensive program yields a varied response from faculty and students.

The program, implemented this year, was formulated by a writing committee composed of faculty and administration. According to Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs, a major task for the group was deciding which courses would be deemed writing intensive (WI) and what criteria they must meet.

"It was quite an effort with quite a number of people involved," Brown said. "Other colleges and universities have writing programs, but ours is more extensive."

The intent of the program is to give students reinforcement and continued experience in writing. Freshman Composition I and II classes serve as the foundation for the program. Students under the 1989-90 College catalog must take three additional WI classes, one of which

must be within their major.

"We wanted to insure that quality writing would continue," Brown said. "This is all done for one reason. Our paramount objective is to assist our students in developing communication skills."

He said WI classes may fall under one of two categories: learning to write and writing to learn.

A WI mathematics class might fall under the writing to learn category. Linda Hand, assistant professor of mathematics, used this semester to probe a format for a WI course. While the class was not an official part of the writing program this semester, it will be next spring.

"This was the first time I gave students a historical paper to write, and students also kept a journal," Hand said.

She was pleased with the results and plans to assign two additional papers next spring. She thinks the WI program is worthwhile, even in an area such as mathematics which would not usually be associated with writing.

"I think the history of math is just

as important as the history of anything," she said. "I wanted students to do more than learn the formulas and equations; I wanted them to appreciate the mathematicians as well."

Phyllis Talley, a student in Hand's class, said even though mathematics is her downfall, writing the paper was interesting.

"It wasn't bad at all," she said. "I enjoyed doing it."

Some students and faculty question whether implementation of the program has made much of a difference.

Terry Marion, associate professor of business; Katherine Grim, assistant professor of business; and Dr. Karolyn Yocum, assistant professor of communications, all considered their classes writing intensive even before they officially became named as such. Marion said the main difference in the WI economics course is that he has 18 students rather than 40-44.

"My class was close to writing intensive anyway, so there really hasn't been much of a transition," he said. "I have more paperwork with this class, but fewer students so it bal-

ances out."

Grim sees the program as beneficial to the students.

"I think it is important in the sense that students have the opportunity to write to learn, rather than writing for writing's sake," she said.

Yocum said even though her class was already writing intensive, the implementation of the program allowed her to add something to her course that she had been wanting to.

"I'd hoped to add informal writing for a while now but already required so much writing that I wasn't sure if it would be fair," Yocum said. "The journals my students keep have been helpful as a vehicle for them to put down their thoughts and for me to learn what they're getting out of class."

Laura Butler, senior history major, has WI classes of her own and even serves as a teaching assistant in grading papers for a WI history class.

"I have classes that aren't writing intensive that I have done more writing in and writing intensive classes that I do less writing in," she said. "It more or less depends on the

instructor.

"I was glad to have the opportunity to grade the papers—it was interesting to read what the students had to say. It was a real learning experience."

Butler thinks, however, the English department should be responsible for students' writing skills.

"I think that the writing intensive courses would be better if they were centered in the English department rather than making all departments responsible for them," she said.

Alice Knepper, senior art major, thinks the program is helpful to students. She is currently enrolled in a WI art history course.

"I think it is good because once you get out of English composition, you let your writing skills get lax," Knepper said. "We need to keep those skills going."

Brown said the program will be under review by the end of the academic year. The writing committee will meet with two major objectives in mind: how to continue to be supportive of faculty teaching WI courses, and assessment of the program.

Writing program draws mixed responses

College in need of Barn

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Hopes of returning the Barn Theatre to use as a theatre now seem even more remote in the wake of the recent fire there.

The blaze, determined to be the result of arson, destroyed the roof and most of the second level.

Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre, said he did not believe the Barn would ever be used to produce theatre again. He does not believe a similar facility will be built in its place.

The Barn was closed Feb. 16 upon the order of a Joplin fire safety inspector who determined that it was in violation of 14 safety codes. Since that time, the College has used the area for storage while efforts were made to raise money for the repairs.

Fields said it was at this point that he gave up hope of using the Barn again. He believes the theatre department has inadequate facilities to present some productions.

"We really are without a theatre. Taylor is not called Taylor Theatre; it's called Taylor Auditorium."

Fields recently traveled to Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, Miami, and Crowder College, Neosho, to view the small theatres there.

"I think it's a shame that the junior colleges around us have better facilities than we have," he said.

Although Fields agrees that an auditorium may be more versatile, he said it does not lend itself to the type of theatre the Barn often hosted.

"Tell me how you play intimate theatre in a building where you also book rock shows or country-western shows or ballet," he said.

Fields believes the College administration views Taylor Auditorium as serving the needs of the department.

"I am a theatre person, trained in theatre, and an auditorium is not a theatre," he said.

Although nothing has yet been decided pending the outcome of the College's insurance claim on the structure, Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said if the building were repaired, efforts would be made to return it to use as a theatre.

IN THE SPIRIT



STAFF PHOTO BY PHYLLIS PERRY

Mike Fox, mechanical maintenance worker, stands in a cherry picker to place bolts in the front of Spiva Library to hang Christmas lights there. In addition to the library, Hearnes Hall, Reynolds Hall, and Billingsly Student Center also were decked in holiday lighting.

Adams takes board post

Ashcroft appoints Oak Hill CEO as new regent

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
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Keith Adams, a lifelong Joplin resident and Oak Hill Hospital's chief executive officer, has been named the College's newest regent.

Adams was chosen by Gov. John Ashcroft Nov. 30, with official appointment pending when the General Assembly convenes in January.

He succeeds Russell Smith, whose term expired in August. Adams, a Democrat, will serve until Aug. 30, 1996.

By law, the governor may appoint no more than three people from a



Keith Adams

particular political party to the six-member board. Smith also was a Democrat.

Adams, 61, has been CEO of Oak Hill since 1977 and has been on the hospital administrative staff since 1971.

He attended Joplin Junior College in 1948-49, but left his education to work full-time in health care. He was CEO of Joplin General Hospital before arriving at Oak Hill in 1963.

He returned to the College in the 1970s for classes in health education, taught by now-College President Julio Leon. Adams does not have a college degree.

Adams is active not only in Joplin but also state affairs. He is the chairman-elect for the Missouri Hospital Association and will serve officially in the position starting in 1991.

Claiming to be an active supporter

of the College, Adams called Southern "a real asset to the community and if it wasn't, I would not have agreed to serve."

Adams was called up to Jefferson City to meet with Ashcroft's staff for an hour-long interview. One of the questions asked of him was whether he supported Ashcroft's economic stance on reducing expenditures. Though Adams would not specify his answer, he said he would support any venture designed to aid higher education.

Recently, Ashcroft announced a shortfall of state funds, with higher education picking up nearly 10 percent of the tab.

Adams has two sons who are graduates of the College. One of his sons, Darren, is a manager for Tri-State Surgical Supply, and the other, Doug, is a teacher at North Middle School in Joplin.

Senate ends fall in the black

Although allocations to student organizations were heavier than usual this fall, the Student Senate has ended the semester in the black.

According to Doug Carnahan, Senate adviser, the number of organizations requesting funds has grown every semester; however, enrollment is up enough to counter the increase in demand for money.

Some of the largest allocations this semester included \$1,758 to the Ori-

entation executive board, \$1,000 each to the Student Nurse's Association, the Social Science Club, and Collegiate Secretaries International, and \$998 to Koinonia.

Other expenses incurred during the year include flowers, which Carnahan said amounted to "a couple hundred dollars," for students who were severely injured during the fall, and the student telephone in the Billingsly Student Center.

The Senate also pays for copy

machines around campus, although Carnahan said money taken in by those copiers usually covers the expense.

Carnahan said after some organizations return money they have not used, the Senate's ending budget this semester should be more than \$2,000.

He said next semester's biggest expense will be the Senate's annual trip to Jefferson City to host a luncheon for state legislators. Carnahan said the cost will be near \$2,000.

Foundation raises \$750,000 in fund drive for College

Contributions fall short of \$5 million goal

BY ANGIE STEVENSON
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In December 1984, the Missouri Southern Foundation launched a five-year fund-raising campaign which is now winding to a close.

The foundation is a private, not-for-profit organization established with the goal of raising funds in support of the College. According to College President Julio Leon, the foundation launched the campaign to accent its usual fund-raising efforts.

"At the time, the College identi-

fied roughly \$5 million worth of projects and needs," Leon said. "The goal was not just to reach \$5 million, but as much as could be raised to serve some of those needs."

According to Leon, thus far about \$750,000 has been pledged, of which about \$700,000 has been paid.

"Our goal was to raise \$1 million for the general endowment of the foundation which supports the many activities they do in support of Missouri Southern," he said. "This is where most of the money has gone."

Another objective was to raise \$1 million for scholarship purposes. In addition to the general pledges,

Leon said approximately \$200,000 has been designated for scholarships, \$150,000 of which already is being used. The other \$50,000 has been set aside in specific wills by individuals.

According to Leon, the goal with which they had the most success was that of raising funds for an endowed chair in the school of business.

With an endowed chair, persons and organizations are approached with the idea of donating a large sum of money which is deposited and allowed to draw interest. The income can then be used to support the salary of a specific professional for that area.

Dr. Richard La Near, professor of business, has held the J.R. Kuhn

Chair at the College since 1987.

"It is a very common program among most colleges and universities," Leon said. "We received about \$700,000 for an endowment chair for the business school which was very close to our goal. That was a very positive result of the campaign."

In recognition of their support, persons who contribute to the campaign may become members of the Southern Lantern Society.

"The people who contribute to the Missouri Southern Foundation for the benefit of the College are very generous," Leon said. "The College has received tremendous support and is very thankful."

Leon said donations may be desig-

nated for any specific purpose, but that most contributors request they be used where needed the most.

Sue Billingsly, foundation director, said the campaign will not officially come to an end until July. After the completion of the five-year project, the foundation will continue to raise funds through vehicles such as the Phon-A-Thon.

Leon said at some point in the future the College, in conjunction with the foundation, might initiate another similar campaign.

"The time flew by so quickly, I don't think we even noticed the five years had gone by," he said. "Perhaps our next effort will be a more focused approach to a particular thing."

Senators discuss methods to improve retention rate

BY STEVE SAKACH
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Devoting an entire session to reducing the number of students who drop out, the Faculty Senate discussed several issues relating to retention in its Dec. 3 meeting.

Student retention may become an increasingly important issue for Missouri colleges as the emphasis on state funding is shifting, said College President Julio Leon.

"The trend now is that there is going to be some sort of performance funding: success to completion rates," Leon said. "Institutions may be asked to set goals."

The College wants to pinpoint high-risk cases such as freshmen or transfer students. But it was mentioned that targeting students who may drop out is difficult since they have relatively few common traits.

Some reasons offered as to why students become turned off are: academic boredom, uncertainty about career goals, transition problems, adjustment to college life, unrealistic ideas of what college is, and basic incompatibility.

The first three to six weeks is considered vital to student retention.

Nearly half of all freshmen who drop out of college do so in that time frame, said Elaine Freeman, director of retention.

"We need to frontload, put our best effort and resources forward to enhance the freshman year," she said.

According to Freeman, the peer-led College Orientation program has been extremely successful, increasing freshmen retention by 20 percent. She said this type of personal contact also must be stressed between students and faculty.

"This is something we don't want to take in a cavalier fashion," said Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs. "That personalized campus experience and making oneself available is important. We need to take advantage of those kinds of opportunities."

The student/faculty relationship at Southern needs to be emphasized and sharpened more than it has, Leon said.

"Children today aren't like we were," he said. "We can't expect them to behave the way we did when we went to school. Some [faculty] think that if you smile at a student you are lowering your standards. Students need more of those human-in-nature type of things."

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\$179,392. Its contents are insured for \$17,289.

Tiede said although a claim inspector was called to view the damage, nothing yet has been reported. According to Rob Long, senior claims representative for the insurance company, Brameo Construction in Neosho has been hired to provide estimates.

Tiede said until the estimates are given, a determination cannot be made as to the future of the Barn. He said the College is now faced with the decision to either remove the Barn or rebuild it.

Some members of the Campus Activities Board have looked into the possibility of obtaining assistance from either the Joplin or Jasper County historical societies in preserving the 63-year-old building.

Lory St. Clair, CAB vice president, said that while the Jasper County

organization refused to provide direct assistance, it has agreed to bring up the matter at its next meeting and decide whether to endorse the project.

The Joplin Historical Society has requested a formal report and a request for assistance before it decides on a course of action. St. Clair is uncertain whether either organization will help in the effort.

"I think I'm too optimistic to throw my hands up," she said, "but I have to be realistic at this point."

St. Clair said a decision by the College to raze the building would be contradictory to Southern's tradition of preserving Joplin's history in such ways as naming rooms in the Billingsly Student Center after historical sites in Joplin.

"The College would be going against everything it supposedly stands for if we don't get the Barn back," St. Clair said.



Leon: Higher education report a good step

He admits that \$200 million plea will be a hard sell on taxpayers

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
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The preliminary report of the Missouri Business and Education Partnership Commission is a good first step, but should seek more than mediocrity, according to Missouri Southern President Julio Leon.

"If we use data and compare ourselves with other states in the country and especially those we compete with," Leon said, "if we say that we are underfunded, and if we say we need \$200 million, well, it seems to

me that we ought to try to be above average.

"Consequently, the recommendations [of the report] as well as the funding recommendations ought to reflect that."

The purpose of the report is to address higher education in Missouri and how it might compete economically with other states. According to Leon, this will be an important factor in the document's impact.

"As we move into the 21st century, we are faced with many years of rapid change," he said. "This change is going to necessitate a great deal of

help from the colleges and universities to the economic development of the state so it can be competitive."

The funding necessary to bring Missouri to a level higher than the average should be sought as a single package, rather than in increments, Leon said.

"You have to realize that this is Missouri," he said. "In general, Missourians seem to be very satisfied with the status quo. They certainly are not in the mood for paying more taxes. We are going to have to acknowledge that. It seems to me that it would be counterproductive to go to the voters and ask for \$200 million to make us average."

"The people would be willing to tax themselves higher if they know

there is value associated with what they are going to pay for, and value has to be excellence. I just can't see [saying] give us \$200 million to be mediocre."

The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), a non-profit educational research and consulting organization, assisted the commission in preparing the report. According to Leon, this combination lends credibility to the argument for increased funding.

"The governor has repeatedly said that he feels there needs to be reallocation—that institutions need to be more efficient and there may not be a need for additional funds," Leon said. "The recommendations by his

own commission making the suggestion for additional funds should be a factor."

Leon said reforms accompanying the call for increased funding should equally impact the actions of the General Assembly and the position of Gov. John Ashcroft.

"The request for funding is accompanied by certain reforms that I believe are going to be necessary if the General Assembly and the governor are going to go along with the idea of going to the voters and seeing if they want to tax themselves," Leon said.

Among the reforms proposed by the commission and outlined in the report is the modification of the institutional missions of state colleges

and universities. The mission outlined for Southern includes language suggesting that the College be "fundamentally an open admissions institution, enrolling any student who has received a high school diploma or GED."

Southern's present admissions requirements are more selective than those recommended by the report and, according to Leon, are necessary to maintain quality.

"We had abandoned that policy (open admissions) five years ago and have been in the process of raising the standards gradually over a period of years," Leon said. "We do not wish to go back to an open admissions institution. It is asking us to lower the standards."

Criticism mounting against Board

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Legislative grumblings about the speculated ineffectiveness of the state's Coordinating Board for Higher Education are growing louder.

"I'd like to see a lot of changes made," said Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City). "They aren't assessing the needs the way they need to be. They aren't keeping up with the times."

The times—according to Elliott—dictate that Missouri Southern should receive more of the funding pie.

"MSSC's student appropriations are way down," he said. "Southern is the first or second-fastest growing college in the state, but our per-student funding is down. It's not right."

"We're doing good things, we're doing things right but we get no reward."

Elliott claims the CBHE funding mechanisms are not in step with the state's needs and said "if it takes throwing out the Board, we might have to, but I think that would cause too much chaos. It would probably be best to look at structural changes."

Though some believe changes in the structure of the CBHE are needed, specifics about how to go about making them are almost non-existent. That may change this week, however, when the Missouri Business and Education Partnership Commission meets Saturday in Jefferson City. A formal recommendation about higher education governance may be coming then.

The CBHE is needed for basic governance, said Elliott. He said a new agency with the power to allocate money would have too much political clout.

Rep. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia) said "there's not much wrong with the system," but conceded that funding is the bottom line. Missouri ranks 48th in the nation for the money it spends per student.

"Problems of the Coordinating Board are merely symptoms of a larger problem," Jacob said.

Subtle suggestions of a new coordinating board—or strengthening the existing CBHE—made during last week's Governor's Conference on Higher Education have drawn mixed reaction among legislators. Sen. Roger Wilson (D-Columbia) said he would be in favor of giving the Board allocating powers "on a temporary basis."

"But to rearrange the governance structure—I'm not so sure that would be a good idea," Wilson said. "I like to keep things as simple as possible."

Wilson is happy with Dr. Charles McClain, the state's commissioner for higher education, and said McClain has the same potential for success as former commissioner Shailla Aery, also admired by Wilson.

"You're only as good as the person you choose to operate the organization,"

According to Wilson, at least one bill surfaces every session of the legislature to abolish the CBHE. The bills usually die quickly.

"If I had my druthers, I would probably have a unified governing board," Wilson said, "with a board member from each institution, a kind of super board."

Sen. Harold Caskey (D-Butler) refused comment on the CBHE, citing his position on the Missouri Business and Education Partnership Commission as a reason.

OLD KIDS ON THE BLOCK



STAFF PHOTO BY PHYLLIS PERRY

(From left) State Rep. Mark Elliott (R-Webb City), Bob Baker, a CPA from Webb City, and State Rep. Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) prepare to greet 18 freshmen legislators who visited Missouri Southern Dec. 6. The newly elected lawmakers, who will be sworn in Jan. 9, also toured hospitals and prisons across the state.

Teacher recruiting tops CBHE agenda

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Recruitment of teachers was the primary topic of discussion when the state's Coordinating Board for Higher Education met Friday in St. Louis.

In a somewhat short meeting, the Board heard a report from the Task on the Recruitment of Missouri's Future Teachers. Clarence Barksdale, who chaired the task force and is the vice chairman for the board of trustees at Washington University in St. Louis, outlined seven recommendations to the Board:

- that the state raise standards for teacher education programs and implement them over a four-year period;

- that the colleges and universities set higher standards on exit exams;

- that the state enhance minority scholarship programs;

- that schools attract more talented students;

- exploration of alternative certification on elementary and secondary education levels;

- a commitment to a higher technology base for state teachers.

Board member David McCoubrie

brought up the issue of tenure and its relation to teacher recruitment.

"I suppose we'll get rid of Christmas before we'll get rid of tenure," McCoubrie said. "The ripple of that (tenure) to society is unbelievable."

McCoubrie questioned the role of tenure in teacher recruitment, saying "I fear that some good teachers are good teachers for two or three years of their contract," and then ease up after tenure becomes a factor.

The meeting, held a day after the annual Governor's Conference on Higher Education, also centered on reactions to challenges issued by Gov. John Ashcroft in his speech to college administrators. Dr. Charles McClain, the state's commissioner for higher education, called Ashcroft's remarks "good for higher education."

During the meeting, McClain said the pressure on institutions, in light of the state's funding woes and institutional accountability to the public, is "intense."

McClain said a questionnaire was sent to institutional presidents asking for their opinions on how to sell voters on a tax increase. The answers, McClain said, will be sent to Sen. Jay Nixon (D-Hillsboro) for response.

CBHE with cash? Idea sparks some concern

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The controversial idea of giving the state's higher education coordinating board the power to allocate money is causing concern among some lawmakers and college officials.

A consultant to Missouri's higher education system gave the suggestion new life last week during the fifth annual Governor's Conference on Higher Education, held in St. Louis. Dennis Jones, president of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), has been working in conjunction with the Missouri Business and Education Partnership Commission, a group devoted to curing the state's higher education ills.

In a brief presentation Thursday, Jones outlined a preliminary report

dealing with the problems of Missouri institutions, guidelines for proposed action, and possible solutions. Under reforms, Jones targeted institutional missions, finances, and governance as areas where colleges and universities need the most work.

Garnering the most attention was the issue of governance, as Jones hinted that the General Assembly will likely take up the issue of a new coordinating board—or strengthening the existing Coordinating Board for Higher Education—sometime during the next session.

The CBHE is the state's constitutionally mandated higher education governing body. It traditionally approves colleges' budgets and presents them to lawmakers for approval, but has no power to give out money.

The Board has come under some fire recently from college officials and some lawmakers, who charge

that it is ineffective. While Jones takes a less-harsh tone concerning the Board, he admits its inability to allocate money inhibits its influence.

"They have no means to give what the state needs," Jones told *The Chart*. "Their inability to allocate money puts them in a no-win situation where they just do the asking."

Jones said the idea of a new board or strengthening the current one is still in "the talking stages." The Missouri Business and Education Partnership Commission is expected to give one more preliminary report, probably before the General Assembly convenes in January. A more formal recommendation for a board with money-allocating powers could appear in that report.

The suggestion is not being given much credence from some college officials or lawmakers, with one legislator calling the idea "unimag-

inable." State Rep. Galen Browning (R-Neosho) likened it to the events that triggered the Boston Tea Party—taxation without representation.

"That would be diametrically opposed to the constitutional constraints of the appropriation of money," Browning said. "I just can't imagine it."

Browning believes the current system is a good one, and he said the CBHE has "considerable" influence on the General Assembly's budget allocations.

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Ashcroft repeats challenges

Missions, costs are targeted in conference

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Gov. John Ashcroft reiterated his six challenges to college and university presidents last week, calling on them not to "succumb to the sedative comfortable mediocrity."

At the fifth annual Governor's Conference on Higher Education, held Thursday in St. Louis, Ashcroft outlined similar requests to the ones he made last year at a conference in Kansas City.

Areas where colleges and universities need the most work:

- mission refinement;
- strengthening college and university performance and validating student achievement;
- development of teachers;
- equitable access to higher education for minorities;
- cost containment;
- performance funding.

Ashcroft tied mission refinement closely to admission standards, saying "students with high aspirations but differing levels of preparation should begin their journeys through the system in places where they can

succeed and persist to graduation."

"Institutions should reflect regularly on their true mission," he said, "and make the difficult choices necessary to affirm essential priorities and to resist institutional inflation or 'program creep,' and whenever necessary pare back overgrown, weak, or obsolete programs."

Ashcroft, sharp in his words on assessment, said that while most institutions around the country have begun assessment, Missouri schools need to push harder.

"Colleges and universities that are successful in doing this will then be in a position to expect solid public support, including financial support," Ashcroft said. "Institutions that are unable to provide the public with these assurances will find difficulty in maintaining, let alone increasing, public support."

Perhaps gaining the interest of most college officials was talk of developing funding mechanisms that would reward performance.

"I am aware that performance funding is predicated on the state providing new, additional funds to reward documented improvements that demonstrate excellence in in-

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IN MEMORY



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Farzin Afshar and his daughter, Brigit, light candles in memory of Afshar's wife and Brigit's mother, killed by a drunk driver in July 1989. A candlelight vigil was held Saturday night in front of the BSC.

OUR EDITORIALS

Editorials on this page express opinions of The Chart staff. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Save the Barn

Bring back the Barn. Please. When the landmark theatre burned down Thanksgiving Day, a lot of memories and memories-to-be were singed. Somebody got very stupid that day and chose to take away what so many of us held dear: the idea of an intimate theatre.

The Barn offered a classical view of theatre. The scenes were closer, the action came right at you, and it brought out the best in Southern's actors.

There is talk that the College is not willing to finance a new theatre. Cost is certainly a factor. Before the Barn burned, it had been closed for failing to meet safety codes. The College estimated that it would take up to \$200,000 to bring it up to speed. The money for that kind of investment might as well have been a pipe dream, and now renovation of the charred remains must seem like a really bad joke.

We must not let it become that. The Student Senate moved in the right direction by forming a committee to save the Barn earlier in the semester; now we must work even harder to convince administrators that the Barn is worth saving.

Many wonderful performances have been staged at the Barn, as it provides an atmosphere not available anywhere else. The frustration and anger of the College Players over the recent events is certainly justified.

Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre, is right on the money when he makes the call for a new Barn. Whether it's a plea for a new Barn or renovation of the old one, some consideration must be given.

It's time to act

The recent talk surrounding the Coordinating Board for Higher Education presents an interesting dilemma for the General Assembly.

While the Coordinating Board contains no power to allocate money, it exerts a significant amount of influence, and many will attest to its necessity to the state's higher education system. What gives?

Those who would like to see a coordinating board with the power of money have successfully put the cart in front of the horse. Do they think the Board will be any more sympathetic to their funding needs? Even if the Board were to loosen the belt, a fountain of unneeded influence would rain down. Meeting the agenda of any other organization other than the General Assembly would be detrimental.

For the state's higher education system, this could possibly be the most important session of the General Assembly in recent memory. Much is to be decided; tax questions, budget allocations, and governance will be the buzzwords. Lawmakers have the chance to dispense with the tall talk, and match their rhetoric with action. Now is the time, Missouri.



Product darwinism may be a falsehood

BY STEVE SAKACH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

We have been taken advantage of. Used. Abused. Treated like trash. That's us, Mr. and Ms. John and Jane Consumer.

The problem is not exactly false advertising, but some products seem to escape on a technicality. Let me explain.

Last week when one of my roommates swore a towel scurried under the counter when he turned on the bathroom light, I felt somewhat compelled to clean our apartment's lavatory. (It should probably be referred to as a "laboratory" instead because of all the fungus experiments and deep thought that often evolves from people and things sitting around far too long in one place.)

As I cleaned through the grime and mildew something even more peculiar than living terry cloth appeared: two bottles of the same brand of hair spray, exact duplicates except for a couple of minor changes. One bottle carried a flashy orange label that read



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"NEW!" The other didn't, and I assumed it must have been there since the beginning of the semester.

I contemplated the progress of recent advances in hair spray technology and concluded that nothing spectacular has occurred in the industry. So what was the reasoning behind the product's evolution?

Well, both bottles promised not to leave your hair sticky and stated that "your hair won't fly away on windy days." I guess that's good.

However, the only difference between the new and the old was a slightly thinner typestyle. No change in ingredients, no longer-lasting formula, no new fresh scent, nothing but a typestyle variation.

Should that merit slapping a "NEW!" across the top of the bottle? Or is that really slapping us across the face? And where's Ralph Nadar when you have important questions like this?

On a mission that rapidly turned into a quest, I went to the local Smitty's to get a better understanding of what "New and Improved" actually means. After being harassed by a clerk (and rightly so) for standing around more than 45 minutes and staring at deodorant, shampoo, and other personal hygiene-related products, I came to a conclusion: Steve, get a life.

Actually, it appears that while some products have evolved into something new and improved because of substantial changes, more often than not this product darwinism is a falsehood.

Many products offer bright labels, exclaiming they will revolutionize the world for the consumer: "All New," "New and Improved," "Now Even Better," "Now Even More New and Improved and Even Better Than The Last All New Product We Sold To You!" At the same time, these products offer little in terms of improvement and even less in newness.

In many cases the product's "New!" container is colored or packaged slightly different than the previous version. There's nothing really new about them, and certainly nothing improved.

If anything, it's "Now Even More Annoying."

Yesterday, after showering with my "All New" soap, shampoo, and conditioner, and using my "New and Improved" shaving cream, skin lotion, deodorant, and toothpaste and fixing my hair with my "New!" hair spray (seriously, check it out next time you get ready for school), I realized a couple of things.

First, the only thing that would actually be "New and Improved" is a few less of these labels.

And second, I think I'm too young to start sounding like Andy Rooney.

Teacher's education is often overlooked

BY DR. ROSANNE JOYNER
DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

When many of our education majors inform their friends and family that they have decided to become a teacher, the question they are asked most often is, "Why?" Why, indeed!

It certainly isn't due to all of the support and admiration that they are sure to receive. It isn't because of the promise of financial security and plush working conditions. And, perhaps contrary to popular belief, it isn't because teacher education is an easy major to fulfill. So why do education majors choose to become teachers?

According to a recent study by the National Education Association (1987), 65.5 percent of those students choosing education as a major did so due to a desire to work with young people. Approximately 37.2 percent expressed a belief in the significant value of education to our society; and 37.1 percent expressed a desire to teach a subject-matter field of particular interest. Each of the above reasons attests to the fact that teachers choose teaching primarily because it allows the opportunity to serve mankind in some way. Education is not a "taking" profession; it is a "giving" profession.



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Society wants to be sure that what teachers have to give is worth receiving, assuredly a worthwhile goal. So, the most recent plan of attack on the education profession is being leveled at teacher preparation programs. What often appears to be overlooked is the fact that teacher education is much larger than most people believe. The perception is that teacher education is the concern of only those persons directly associated with the schools of education. Not true. Educating future teachers begins in the early elementary grades and continues through core requirements and professional studies on college and university campuses all across our nation. It is important that future teachers acquire a content knowledge to teach as well as instruction and practice in how to teach effectively. At the college and university level, teacher education is the collective responsibility of every administrator and faculty member who has direct and substantial contact with an education major.

At Missouri Southern we address both aspects of educating teachers. Education majors gain the content knowledge they will teach from the liberal arts focus of the core curriculum. Continuing to accumulate content knowledge, education majors then enter into the teacher preparation phase of their program where they learn research-based principles of learning and memory theory, pedagogical strategies and techniques, principles of child and adolescent development,

and the ethics required of the teaching professional.

The quality of the students applying for admission to the teacher education program at Southern is excellent. Before these students take professional education courses, their average grade-point average is generally around 3.2. Their average ACT composite score is 22, one of the highest averages in Missouri. C-BASE scores are consistently above state norms. These students are, overall, mature and committed.

Administrators from area school districts readily accept Southern's education majors for various clinical experience assignments. The strong, positive working relationship that exists between Southern and public school administrators and faculty adds depth and breadth to the initial experiences that are provided for pre-service teachers.

Southern education graduates who are employed by school districts in this area receive high, positive evaluations by the superintendents and principals who hire them. The placement rates are high, and the graduates become effective first-year teachers.

Education majors at Southern deserve the continued support and encouragement of all administrators, faculty, and staff on our campus. They also deserve our finest efforts at providing them with the knowledge and skills that they will surely require in order to be effective teachers. For you see, these students will most likely become the teachers of our children and grandchildren. Viewed from this perspective, our charge becomes an imperative.

YOUR LETTERS

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall 117 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition. All letters must be typed or printed neatly, and signed. Letters of fewer than 300 words receive priority consideration.

Lights assist area

Those of us who jog and walk in the pre-dawn hours, on the paved track outside of the Fred G. Hughes Stadium, truly appreciate the lights that are kept on in this remote east section of our campus.

For a time, the lights on the east side of the stadium, by the ticket booths, were not kept on. Approaching a vagrant and a parked party car in the dark were intimidating encounters.

Lighting throughout the campus is good and provides a safe and excellent place for us to walk and jog.

We also appreciate seeing the campus security vehicles in the early morning hours, patrolling or parked in the remote areas of our campus. Our friendly and active security people do a good and thankless job.

Thanks for making our campus an enlightened and safer place.

Dennis A. Tyburski

Security needs to focus on crime

In response to your article on "Campus Safety and Crime Statistics" (Nov. 15), I was somewhat discouraged with the lack of action by campus security. As a recent victim of a car break-in at the dorms, I became aware of how the security department works. Upon the initial report, security was contacted and a security officer was very meticulous about confirming that my car was broken into. Since that incident, I have tried to contact security twice trying to get some information as to what they have found out. Both times my calls failed to be returned.

In the article, officials said that crime rates were on the decline. That may be true, but what about the 28 reports on vehicles being vandal-

ized? Security may be happy with the current statistics, but I'm faced with over a \$1,000 loss.

I guess my problem is with security's priorities. They are very punctual in writing parking tickets, yet they are satisfied with 139 incident reports and 28 thefts/vandalism reports. While I am not seeking compensation, I am looking for answers, ultimately satisfaction.

I applaud their efforts to hire an additional officer. Nevertheless, I feel they need to redirect their focus from traffic watching to crime stopping and reduce the statistics to zero. I can't afford another \$1,000 break-in.

Name withheld by special request

'Chart' is boring and out of touch

Responding to the Nov. 15 column from managing editor, Ms. Stevenson, that asked the burning question: "Why don't you students put your thoughts into written form and submit them to The Chart?"...I would like to answer:

1. Most of us are too busy with term papers and exams to give any real time to The Chart.

2. Some of us think The Chart is "Julio's Organ." That is, our "Pres" can use the newspaper whenever he has a new international pro-

gram to inflict on us.

3. The Chart doesn't really reflect the "hard-hitting" methods of investigative reporting that "60 Minutes," The Washington Post, and others are currently using to obtain and keep our interest. For example...if you guys could find us some sleazy pictures of an administrator, instruc-

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Major has time to take long view

THE ECONOMIST ▶

Two weeks ago he was a rank outsider. Now, John Major is the insider supreme, deservedly savoring his first days as Britain's Prime Minister.

To have come that far in a week is not as strange as it seems, because the Tory members of Parliament who voted him into the job have shown a great capacity for political weathervaning during this extraordinary November. The people Major now needs to win over are Britain's 44 million voters. That will be a tougher task in a winter that has just begun.

The new man will nonetheless enjoy an unseasonal break. His party will gain from the publicity, and the voters will enjoy a new face. Most seem to like what they see, for Major is nothing if not likeable. He is also remarkable: the son of a trapeze artist, the boy who left school at 16, the youngster with a spell on the dole, the man making his way in a bank, the MP, junior minister, cabinet minister, foreign secretary (three months), chancellor of the exchequer (one year). It is the CV of Walter Mitty, but John Major has done it all.

Now he has to move quickly to confirm that he is real. He has many things to do, and few of them will happen easily or quickly. The new Prime Minister has to reunite the Tory party, in order to lead a united government. He has to be patient on the economy, as recession bites into jobs and output without yet biting into prices. He has to bring Britain back to a position of influence within the European community. He may soon have a war in the Gulf. In all these, much could go wrong, so much could disappoint. It is far better to lower expectations today than to upset them tomorrow.

The most vital job for the new government is to restore the economy. That will have huge electoral consequences, for nobody need doubt that Margaret Thatcher won three elections largely because enough Britons thought she would hold back inflation and unleash growth better than her opponents could. When that touch deserted her two years ago, the polls turned against her—and her party turned with them.

Today, the economic gloom is almost tangible. Inflation above 10

percent, industrial output falling at an annual rate of 11.5 percent in the past three months, retail sales falling at 5.75 percent, unemployment starting to rise: until most of this is put right, talk of the "Thatcher miracle" will sound pretty foolish.

Fortunately for Britain, Major comes straight from the Treasury, where he has been a fast learner. The best lesson, written every page of Britain's economic history, is the folly of trying to give the economy a quick-fix appearance of health. That is more true today than ever before, thanks to Major's own success in locking sterling into the European monetary system. He now needs to throw away the key, publicly and unmistakably, so that every British company knows it must start controlling its costs the way German ones do. The government has just completed a public-spending round that kept tight control of expenditure; Major needs to emphasize that, overall, the tightness will continue.

Within those broad constraints, however, there are several things that need doing: things that will strengthen the economy, the system that let down the young Major and still stunts the lives of millions.

Britain's imperative is to educate its youngsters better, and to give a second chance to those of its adults who missed out. To do that will cost money, more than the government is now spending on education. Major should not be reluctant to promise more, but on the firm condition that recent reforms—more autonomy for individual schools, wider differentials in teachers' pay—should be carried much further. That will require a change of culture in British education at least as great as the change that Thatcher caused in much of British industry. That was her legacy. Education is Major's challenge.

The strongest criticism of modern Britain is that it is over-housed and under-educated. Instead of castles for the parents, let Major provide ladders for the young. That would help to create a fairer, richer Britain, one that could hold its own in the next century. When that century dawns, Major will be only 57. He has time to take the long view.

EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

By Steve Newman

Floods

Heavy flooding in northern Honduras claimed the lives of at least 15 people and left 50,000 homeless last month. The banana crop, the nation's most important export, was severely damaged, and authorities declared a state of emergency in the worst-affected areas.

Avalanches and mud slides caused by torrential rains in Colombia killed 16 people, according to the Red Cross. In Villavicencio, a small town 45 miles south of Bogotá, seven people were killed and nine injured when an avalanche buried several homes. Five people were swept to their deaths a few miles north of Bogotá by a small river that overflowed during a thunderstorm.

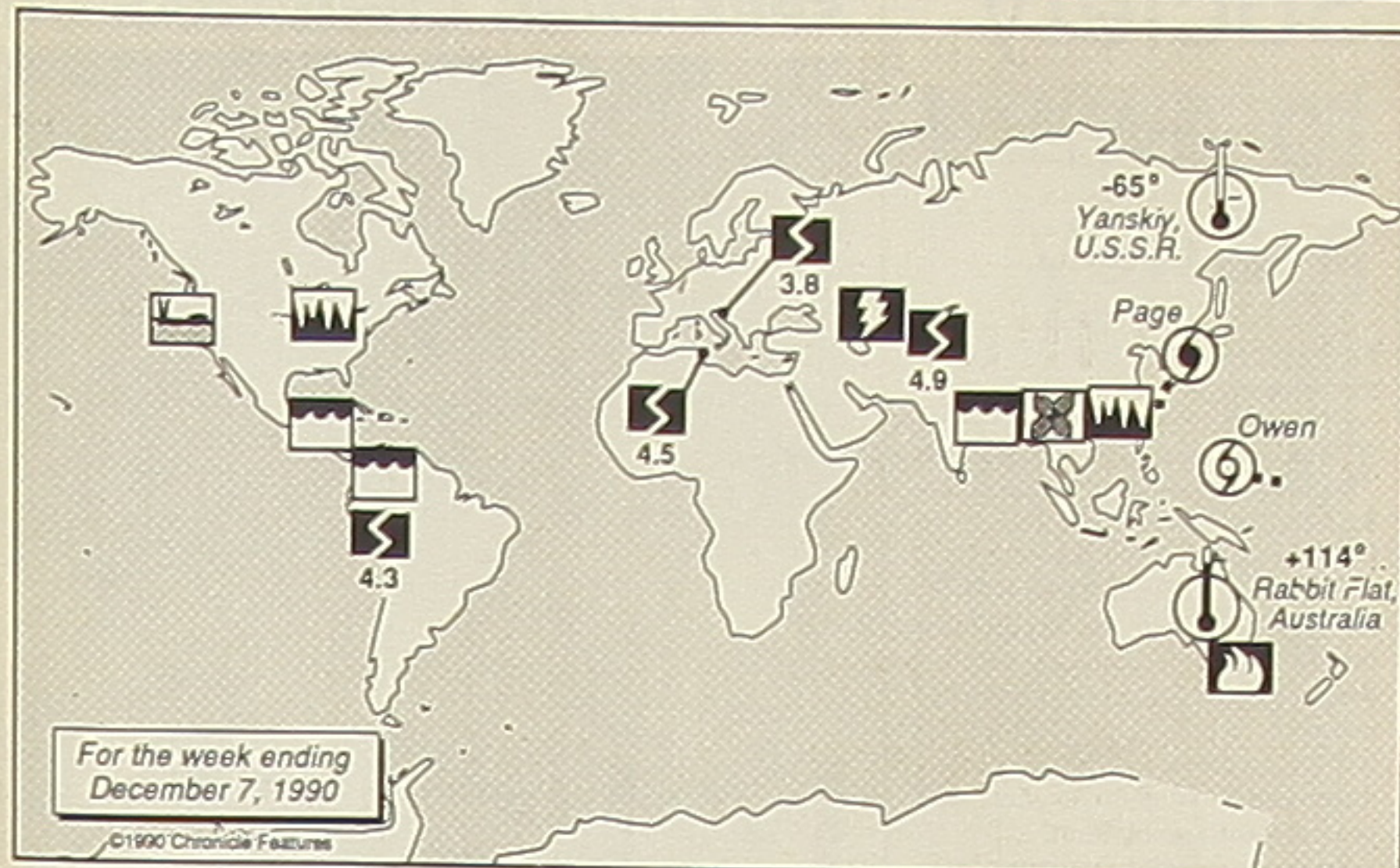
Bangladesh's mighty Jamuna River washed away 500 houses in two subdistricts of Manikganj District, west of Dhaka.

Maritime Migrations

A leading marine biologist warned that ships discharging ballast water from far-away oceans release alien marine species that can rapidly destroy indigenous marine life or clog pipes of utility companies. Elliott Norse, chief scientist at the Center for Marine Conservation in Washington D.C., told a scientific conference that international legislation is urgently needed to control ballast discharge. "In San Francisco Bay, for example, native marine organisms have been completely obliterated by imported organisms," Norse said.

Wildfires

More than 200 firefighters battled 64 blazes across the southeast Australian state of Victoria. The region had been made tinder dry by gusty winds and afternoon temperatures which soared to 104 degrees in some spots. Rain brought on by a passing cold front late in the week helped reduce the fire danger in the west of Victoria.



Earthquakes

A tremor in the Soviet republic of Kirgiziya destroyed almost 1,000 homes and public buildings, leaving 3,000 people homeless in three villages. Earth movements were also felt in the Peruvian Andes, coastal Tunisia, and eastern Yugoslavia.

December Chills

A powerful storm pounded the American Midwest with blizzard conditions that knocked out power, snarled traffic, and closed schools. Madison, Wis., was buried by a record snowfall that forced government offices and business to close.

An unexpected snow fell on Kunming, a provincial capital in southern China, known as the "Spring City" because of its temperate climate throughout the year. Local meteorologists said that it was the first time since 1951 that snow had come so early in that part of Yunnan province.

Ball Lightning

A report in the newspaper *Komsomolskaya Pravda* told of a harrowing flight aboard a Soviet airliner which was struck by lightning while en route from Krasnoyarsk to Alma Ata. "The plane entered a snow squall and suddenly quivered from a severe electric strike," the newspaper reported. "A fireball burst through the aircraft skin into the second cabin, and slowly flew over the heads of terrified passengers before leaving the rear of jetliner as unexpectedly as it had entered."

Tropical Storms

Typhoon Page, the first storm to strike Japan so late in the season since World War II, disrupted rail and air transportation on Honshu, the most populous island, but caused no significant damage. Tropical storm Owen lost force east of the Philippines.

Bumper Crop

Thousands of mules are being fattened and rested in northern Burma so they can carry out what is said to be a record opium crop in drug warlord Kun Sa's remote mountain fiefdom. "All the hills are covered with poppies this year," a soldier for Kun Sa told Reuters reporter Sutin Wannabovorn. "This is the biggest crop I have ever seen, and I have been with godfather Kun Sa for more than 12 years." The mules rest during this three month period after the rainy season, so they will be able to carry opium out of the inaccessible mountains to heroin factories spread throughout the Golden Triangle, where Burma, Laos and Thailand meet. Half of the heroin sold in the U.S. is said to originate in the Golden Triangle, and 65 percent of that comes from Burma.

Additional Sources: U.S. Climate Analysis Center, U.S. Earthquake Information Center and the World Meteorological Organization.

Japanese Santas checking holiday 'seibos'

Marketing strategy targets the wealthy

ASAHI NEWS SERVICE ▶

TOKYO—With less than a month left in 1990, major Japanese department stores have come up with a number of different and expensive ideas to attract customers making up their "seibo," or year-end, gift-buying lists.

In Japan, seibo is the major gift-giving season, during which presents are given to socially superior individuals who performed favors for the gift-givers. While Christmas has become more commercialized in Japan in recent years, gift-giving still

tends to center on the seibo custom.

Continuing the trend of the past few years, more stores are coming out with high-priced gift items for a consumer market that remains strong despite a cooling economy and higher fuel prices because of the Persian Gulf crisis.

Tokyu Department Store has on display at its main Tokyo outlet a wine collection priced at 8.5 million yen (\$66,400). The 43-bottle collection includes one bottle of the Mouton Rothschild label for each year from 1945 to 1986. There were two wines in 1978. Each bottle label has a reproduction of a work by such artists as Picasso, Miro, and Chagall done in the year in which the wine was bottled.

A spokesman said Tokyu would be offering two of the wine sets, and it does not expect a flood of orders. As an inducement, a 400,000 yen (\$3,125) wine closet will be thrown in with the wine collection free of charge.

The department store also is offering high-quality sake in a ceramic jug made in the Bizen area of western Japan, known for its traditional pottery. The jug holds 20 liters (21.2 quarts) of sake and is priced at 1 million yen (\$7,812).

At Mitsukoshi Department Store the feature items in the special gift corner come from Berlin. The store tripled its floor space for the gift corner to about 1,500 square meters (16,146 square feet).

A spokesman said the most expen-

sive item to be offered is a music box made in the 1890s, priced at 2 million yen (\$15,625). In addition, Mitsukoshi also will offer ceramic ware, dolls and miniature wooden sculptures made by German craftsmen.

One reason for setting up the Berlin Gift Corner was the historic reunification of Germany in October, the spokesman said. Mitsukoshi also plans to open an outlet in Berlin sometime next spring.

Takashimaya Department Store is offering hotel gift sets priced between 100,000 and 120,000 yen (\$781 and \$938) that will allow couples to stay overnight at Japanese inns in four locations in Japan, including the historic city of Kyoto and the Atami hot springs area southwest of Tokyo.

Officials target books, look to host Olympics

ASAHI NEWS SERVICE ▶

NAGANO, Japan—As part of its efforts to be selected to host the 1998 Winter Olympics, the Nagano city government has asked city schools, libraries, and parents to discard books and toys based on the Little Black Sambo character.

A *Washington Post* article in 1988 on the stereotyped image of blacks in Japan eventually led to the chang-

ing of a company logo that featured a top-hatted black man, the discontinuance of a line of toys featuring the Little Black Sambo character, and a decision to stop publishing the book by the same name.

In a letter sent to city schools and two libraries, city officials said there was "a need to reflect deeply...on the past lack of recognition that 'Little Black Sambo' was connected to racial discrimination."

As a city "aiming to become an in-

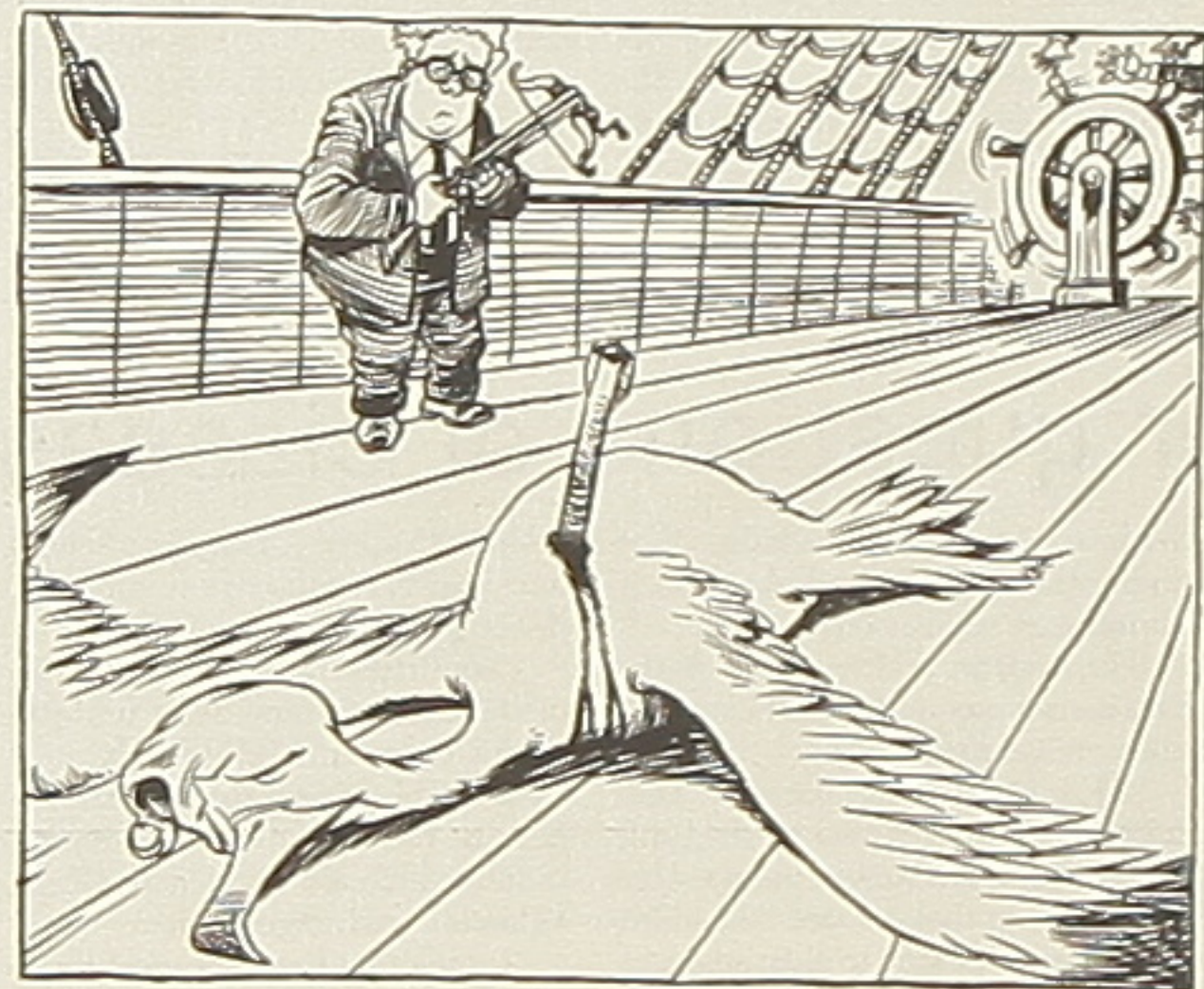
ternational city and moving toward hosting the 1998 Winter Olympics there is a need to further strengthen our efforts to eliminate racial discrimination," the letter continued, and asked that all books and other items based on the Little Black Sambo character be discarded.

A similar letter sent to 36 public nursery schools concluded by asking principals to suggest that parents discard any such items that they may have in their homes, and another

sent to private nursery and kindergarten schools advised that such items should be burned.

A teacher at one private kindergarten, however, said the school does not plan to dispose of the Little Black Sambo books in the school library because children over the years have enjoyed the story.

Nagano, northwest of Tokyo, is one of six cities in the running to host the 1998 Winter Olympics.



Letters to the editor

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tor, or even a student in some type of compromising position, and, then ask for responses...you would probably get some.

■ 4. You are assuming that all our students have minds.

■ 5. Finally, this is Joplin, Mo. While Joplin is not going to become an international hot-bed of conspiracy, it has its peccadillos. If you ran articles that are of more general interest to people living in and around this area, doubtless you would find more interaction. One of the most negative comments I have continually heard concerning *The Chart* is that "it is dull" and out-of-touch.

■ 6. Why did you get rid of *Avalon*? In *Avalon* we could express our deeply held opinions.

Well, Angie, I hope this doesn't hurt your feelings and I sincerely hope it helps you see yourselves as some of us see you.

Michael Penn Lee Herndon

A few things trouble me

I send my apologies to the managing editor (namely Angie Stevenson)

for my grade-schoolish prank. It was not my meaning to personally insult anyone on the staff, and anyone else who took this personally also has my humble wish for forgiveness. Of all people, I should have realized the foolishness of such antics.

I have been involved with all kinds of newsletters and newspapers as a typesetting and layout director. If I may say so, I do decent work (a copy of my favorite is included). However, on rare occasions, I have taken on the unsavory duties of copy editor. Unsavory because no one believes they do imperfect work...and here we find the problem.

The problem I specifically detest with our school paper is the attitude of many of the people on the staff. Quite frankly, it stinks. I have heard that many people from this illustrious organization have won awards for their talents in journalism. I commend these people wholeheartedly.

Perhaps it has been my humble upbringing that causes me to be self-contained, but I was always taught that those who truly had talent need not shout it to the world. Instead, they should give it to the world in their own way. This lesson does not come from any book or Bible, but instead presents us with a respectful way to deal with others.

Some of the writing is not up to

snuff. I have read more than one article that would not have made it into my high school newspaper (unless we were really, really, really strapped for copy). I have read a few sports stories with no quotes from players, fans, or coaches. In fact, no quotes from anybody. I have read a personality profile of a new teacher that was terribly informative about her life, education, and even hobbies, but no quote from her! In the most recent issue, in the front-page story about the biomedical ethics class, I saw Dr. Richard Miller referred to as "Miller." If I had earned a doctorate, it would be enough to make me cry.

I will list a few things that give me chills, even under my electric blanket. By turning the front page, one can find advertisements on page two. I was never allowed to do that and this is what I was told: page two is in the news section and considering this is a news paper, that should be filled with, you guessed it, news. What makes this a very interesting item on my list is that there is not a single advertisement on the sports page.

Lastly, I cringe everytime I see the flat masthead on the front and those ugly, thick, black lines at the top over every freaking page!

I must also, however, compliment

the layout of this last issue as well. On the back page, the long, skinny picture is cool. So are the inverted "Basketball Preview" headers, but they could be 40 to 60 percent instead of black. I love the graphic on the front page and teaser boxes are great. Drop letters are cool. Most of the pictures grab immediate attention: my compliments to the photographer of the "Car Bash" picture. Maybe my rantings are unbiased and my wantings fanciful, but my opinion was requested, and therefore I entrust you to my opinions. Thank you for being so patient with me.

Zack Sargent

Organization is deserving

Here's the scenario. An organization on campus asks for \$998 to take a trip during spring break. This organization attempts to support and meet certain needs of any student who wishes to join up. About like all the rest, right? Big deal, give them the money.

But wait, the people in this organization use the word God sometimes. Whoops—they shouldn't get any

money. Koinonia, made up of Missouri Southern students, doesn't deserve the same opportunities other campus organizations receive, according to the Nov. 15 editorial of *The Chart*.

The Koinonia request was no more and no less ill-advised or tacky than any of the other requests for money received by the Student Senate. Perhaps I agree or disagree on whether they should have received the money, but not for the reasons stated by *The Chart*. If Koinonia operates under the same confines as other clubs, then shouldn't they have the same opportunities and responsibilities?

Oh, by the way, I noticed *The Chart*, supported by state, not public funds, is not averse to placing paid-for religious ads in its pages. Perhaps *The Chart* should be so open-minded and even-handed when the money in question isn't theirs.

Dennis Heger

Separation not an issue

I am somewhat confused about the Editorial disapproving Senate's vote to give Koinonia funds for a club activity.

Diane Parker

Society to award money

BY PAUL HOOD
STAFF WRITER

Some Missouri Southern students now have an additional opportunity to gain assistance in funding their education.

The Phi Eta Sigma National Freshman Honor Society will be awarding nearly \$40,000 in graduate and undergraduate scholarships to selected members. Scholarships worth \$2,000 will be awarded to first-year graduates and to students in their first year of professional study.

Junior or senior undergraduate members of Phi Eta Sigma have the opportunity to receive \$500 awards. In addition, the Missouri Southern chapter of Phi Eta Sigma will award a \$200 scholarship for junior- or senior-year study at the College.

All full-time students at Southern have the chance to become members of Phi Eta Sigma during their freshman year. To join, a 3.5 or higher grade-point average is required in either semester of the freshman year. Once students join the honor society, they are not required to maintain a 3.5 GPA.

Dr. Earle Doman, adviser to the Phi Eta Sigma local chapter, thinks the scholarships are an important service to provide to members.

"We feel that the best way to achieve our goal is to provide financial assistance to keep students in school so they can strive for academic excellence," he said.

To be eligible for the national scholarships students must be members of Phi Eta Sigma and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. They also must submit two letters of recommendation.

An application asks students to list evidence of creative ability, academic recognition, participation in service and leadership groups, and work experience.

The application for the \$200 scholarships from the local branch of Phi Eta Sigma can be picked up in Room 114 of Hearnes Hall. Eligibility requirements for the local scholarship include writing a theme paper between 500 and 750 words on why academic excellence is important.

"The [local] scholarship is not need based," Doman said. "We find that to be consistent with our intent and purpose. We include a theme in the requirements to help distinguish applicants."

Southern has had a chapter since March 1988. About 150 freshmen join each year. Doman estimates that 70-80 percent of the students invited to join become members.

Phi Eta Sigma has become involved in a number of activities. Members tutor at a community learning center and recently held a bake sale in Matthews Hall. For incoming freshmen, members hand out the "Hints on How to Study" brochure. Each year, members give the Scholarship Leadership Award to an outstanding member of Phi Eta Sigma who is graduating.

Letters inviting current freshmen to join Phi Eta Sigma should be in the mail by early January, said Doman. Students who are eligible but do not receive a letter should contact him.

SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER



Julee Gray, president, and Missy Thompson, both from Zeta Tau Alpha, help at the Adopt A Grandparent Booth, at Northpark Mall, Thursday, Nov. 29. The Greek Council worked the booth Nov. 25-30.

Greek Council 'adopts' elderly

Organization helps Salvation Army

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
STAFF WRITER

In keeping with the Christmas spirit, the Greek Council at Missouri Southern participated in this year's Salvation Army Adopt a Grandparent program.

The Council, composed of the five fraternities and sororities on campus, chose to help work at the booth in Northpark Mall Nov. 26-30.

"It (the Greek's participation) is a service project for the community," said Julee Gray, Zeta Tau Alpha president.

According to Gray, the Greek Council decided to participate in the program because of the upcoming Christmas season.

The Adopt a Grandparent program, currently in its fifth year, provides Christmas presents to residents of Joplin-area nursing homes. The residents might not otherwise receive anything.

Nearly 700 nursing home residents will benefit from the presents gathered by the program this year.

At the beginning of the program, a paper angel was made for each of the nursing home residents. The angel was then placed on a tree at one of the booths around Joplin. People in the community could then come by and pick one out and buy that grandparent's present.

"Each [nursing home] resident is encouraged to identify a small gift item, or a couple of choices of gift items that they would like or need, and provide sizes if that is applicable," said Nancy Disharoon, director of career planning and placement.

The gifts range in price, and most of the presents wanted are small.

Some of the requests are for clothes and slippers. However, one resident wanted a plant.

"The amount of money spent depends on what the individual wants to pay," said Capt. Nancy Lowder, co-director of the western part of Jasper County with the Salvation Army. "There isn't a price limit."

Although the community support has been "tremendous" this year, Lowder said there are still 175 grandparents needing to be adopted.

For grandparents not adopted, the Salvation Army purchases their gifts, in order to ensure that none are left out.

"Last year we had to purchase 300 gifts for people not adopted by the community," Lowder said. "We spent \$2,000 on gifts last year."

According to Disharoon, the Greek Council members who worked at the booth felt there was a good response from the community.

"I talked to one group who was there, and while they were there they had about 15 grandparents who were adopted," Disharoon said. "I think the response was probably similar each night."

According to Gray, at least 10 members of the Greek Council have adopted grandparents.

"I think that the program is great," she said. "I think it makes people feel good to help out other people at Christmas time, and this is just one way to do that."

The gifts are being accepted until Dec. 15 and are to be distributed at the nursing homes on Dec. 22.

Members of St. Philips Church and the Salvation Army scouting program as well as private individuals will deliver the gifts.

CAB to finish semester with mini-concerts, contest

'The Missionaries,' 'Walking on Einstein' on tap

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
STAFF WRITER

With finals approaching, the Campus Activities Board is providing students with a chance to relax and have fun.

The CAB is sponsoring several activities, including a mini-concert, a Christmas window decorating contest, and a tentative musical performance during the Christmas buffet.

"We wanted to provide the students something right before finals and the end of the semester," said Val Carlisle, director of student activities.

Walking on Einstein and The Missionaries, two local bands, will perform during the mini-concert at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Lions' Den.

According to Jason Spurlin, CAB concerts chairman, two of Walking on Einstein's members are students at Missouri Southern and members of Sigma Nu.

Spurlin said Walking on Einstein has performed at several fraternity and sorority dances, and because of its popularity at those dances, the CAB decided to have it perform at the mini-concert.

"They are really organized," he said.

They work with Steve Turner, who does all of the sounds. They are also bringing in lights, so this will be similar to a real concert.

To provide variety, The Missionaries will be performing as well.

"They have been around for several years," Spurlin said. "They broke up for a while, but are now back together."

According to Carlisle, both bands perform "danceable" music.

"It will be as much as a dance as it is a concert," she said. "There will be chairs for people to sit in as well as a place to dance."

Another activity the CAB sponsors to put students in the Christmas

spirit is a window decorating contest.

"This has been going on for the last four years," Carlisle said. "It dresses up the windows of the offices."

The contest, which officially ends this afternoon, gives individual students and organizations the opportunity to decorate the windows of the CAB, student services, and career planning and placement offices.

According to Carlisle, Christmas is the only theme for the contest. She said in the past years they have had many different types of entries.

"Some have been funny, some have been religious, while others have been Victorian," Carlisle said. "Other entries have been abstract. The stu-

dents can do anything they want to."

Winners of the contest will receive cash prizes of \$100, \$50, and \$25.

The CAB also is tentatively scheduling The Crooning Quad to perform during the Christmas buffet at 11:45 a.m. Monday.

According to Thad Beeler, group member and senior music major, the barbershop quartet will perform several traditional Christmas songs that have been adapted for the four-part male vocals.

Other members include Rich Bottles, junior music major; Wayne Cripps, senior mathematics major; and Shannon Beckham, freshman undecided.

German exchange students answer questions of classes

BY KAYLEA HUTSON
STAFF WRITER

Foreign language students had the opportunity to learn about German culture first-hand when six foreign exchange students visited Missouri Southern Nov. 26.

The high school students from Germany, who are temporarily residing in the area, visited German, French, and Spanish classes here.

"Every semester we find out where the exchange students are that we could use in our German and French

classes," said Dr. Hal Bodon, professor of communications. "So that would involve [students from] Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and France."

"This year we were fortunate to find six young people, all from Germany. With the added interest from the German reunification question, we felt that it was a must to have them speak to our German classes."

The students visited the campus in an effort to bring international culture into the classrooms.

"Anytime that you have an oppor-

tunity to meet people, especially young people of other countries, it breaks down certain stereotype barriers," Bodon said. "The end result was what we expected: our students recognized that their (the Germans') ambitions and goals in life are very similar to ours, and they are just as human as we are. There is really no good reason why we cannot cooperate, one country to another."

According to Bodon, the reactions of Southern students present during the visit were favorable.

"They were very impressed mostly

with the overall knowledge that these young people had about their country as well as ours."

The students addressed the classes and answered questions. Bodon said they enjoyed their visit.

"They loved it because they were addressing older students," he said. "Most of the exchange students were 16 and 17, so they enjoyed that added challenge of talking to older students."

"Also, they were impressed with our facilities, especially the radio station and television studio, which of course they don't have in Me-

Donald County, Joplin High School, and East Newton, where these students go to high school."

They fielded questions on a variety of topics, but many dealt with the recent German reunification.

"The East Germans think differently because they had to live under communist rule," said Carsten Mehlberg, Wheaton exchange student.

"I think that there are great things ahead of Germany after being separated for a long time," said Rolf Adam, East Newton exchange student.

Upcoming Events

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TUESDAY

Christmas Window Decorating Contest: Deadline for entry completion, 4:30 p.m. \$100 1st, \$50 2nd, \$25 3rd
Lions Basketball: at College of the Ozarks, 7:30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

Christmas Window Decorating Contest Judging: BSC. All morning
Lady Lions Basketball: College of the Ozarks, 7 p.m., Young Gymnasium
CAB Mini-Concert: The Missionaries and Walking on Einstein; 8 p.m., Lions' Den, BSC
Last Day Of Classes

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THURSDAY

Reading Day; No Classes, No Finals

Modern Communications Club: A departmental Christmas party, 1:30-3:30 p.m., MSTV studios

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FRIDAY

Finals Begin

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MONDAY

Christmas Buffet: Crooning

Quad, 10:40 a.m., Connor Ballroom, BSC

Finals

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TUESDAY

Finals

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WEDNESDAY

Finals

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THURSDAY

Semester Ends

Economics club inducts members

Omicron Delta Epsilon, an international economics honor society, inducted 32 new members this fall. It also has a new faculty adviser, Dr. Duane Eberhardt, associate professor of business.

Eberhardt replaces Dr. Charles Leitte and Dr. Jasbir Jaswal, advisers to ODE for nearly 15 years.

"I don't plan on changing anything about ODE," Eberhardt said. "I think it is just fine the way it is."

ODE members are lifetime members. To qualify for membership, a student must be a junior or senior,

The new members of ODE for fall 1990 are: Jay Allen, Kristen Bakie, JoAnn Bogle, Troy Burch, Deron Burr, Tom Busch, Kim Carlson, Athena Chester, Nico Cockrell, Julie Dixon, Rayma Ehrsam, Michael Gray, Tamara Grinzinger, Michelle Gripka, Sharon Hansen, Patricia Hill, Brent Hoyer, Charles Lasley, Holly Lehar, Maria Martin-Del Campo, Bonnie McCord, Martha McGuire, Rick Reniker, Angela Rosebaugh, Debbie Schlink, Jon Stouffer, Troy Stovner, Steven Thaman, DeAnna Tilley, Bryan Vowels, Lisa Wallain, and Rhonda Whisman.

have a 3.0 or better grade-point average, and have completed or be enrolled in at least nine hours of economics courses.

ODE inducts 22 new members per semester on the average.

"We have over 600 lifetime members around this area," Eberhardt said. "Many come to our once-a-year banquet we hold in November. They like to keep up with what is going on."

"We usually contact prospective new members privately," he said. "But, if anyone is interested they may contact us."

New rifle team opens with three victories

With a record of 3-1, Missouri Southern's rifle team aims to compete with the NCAA rifle clubs next semester.

"We're holding our own as a first-year team," said Sgt. Carl Brown, senior instructor of the ROTC program. "If the team continues, by the end of the semester we will be able to compete nationally."

So far, the team has beaten Southwest Missouri State University, Central Missouri State University, and Lincoln University. The only loss

was to the University of Missouri-Kansas City, to which the team lost by 68 points. According to Brown, 68 points is not much, considering the total amount that can be collected.

A rifle team consists of four members, with a total of 2,400 points possible. Each member can receive a total of 600 points, divided into three categories: prone, standing, and kneeling.

The club consists of eight members, including Greg Dent, Steve Sexton, Jim Edwards, Ken Williams,

and Darwin Hukill.

Next semester, the team will compete against Northeast Missouri State University, Westminster College, the University of Nebraska, and Nichols University in Louisiana. Brown said Nebraska is highly competitive.

"Next semester, we are looking for new shooters, people who are willing to give time. The guys who have given time [to the club] are very competitive."

Those interested in the rifle club may contact Brown at Ext. 560.

Show features Spiva members

Exhibit sees growth in participation

BY JAN GARDNER
STAFF WRITER

Fifty-five local members of Spiva Art Center have put their best work forward for the 42nd annual Membership Show, which ends Dec. 21.

According to Val Christensen, Spiva director, a variety of mediums are on display, ranging from ceramics to photographs.

"The variety keeps increasing, in terms of mediums, subjects, and styles," Christensen said.

He said this is a larger show, with 55 members displaying a total of 136 works, compared to last year's 46.

"I think it has grown over the years," he said. "In comparison to the last three years, this year had the biggest jump [in participation]."

For the past four years, members have had the option to expend a small fee to enter their works into a competitive division, rather than one consisting solely of exhibition.

Gary Bowling, a professional artist from Lamar, judged the exhibits Sunday, basing his decision on his determination of the quality. There was no designation of categories to separate the various mediums.

According to Christensen, Bowling was pleasantly surprised at the quality of the works.

"He thought it would be more 'amateurish,'" Christensen said. "He found it difficult to judge due to the quality [of the works]."

Jeff Legg won first place and a \$100 cash award for his oil painting, Jorge Leyva, a former Southern student, was awarded second place and \$75 for his monoprint. John Couper took home \$50 for his third-place photograph. All three award winners were from Joplin.

Bowling also awarded five honorable mentions: Ed Hakes, Carthage; Randy Wright Estes, Joplin; David Pattison, Joplin; Mary G. Hunt, Pea Ridge, Ark.; and A.J. Pfaffman, Seneca.

According to Christensen, there are approximately 600 local members of the Spiva Art Center, ranging from as far south as Pea Ridge, Ark., to as far north as Nevada, Mo., as well as members from Kansas and Oklahoma. However, only around 100 are actual artists, and each is encouraged to enter their art works.

"A large number of the artists are present during the opening," he said. "There, the juror provides a critique of their work, explaining the mental processes he went through while judging."

Local interest proves positive for the annual exhibit, and Christensen likens the initial response to the exhibit to the judge's.

"People are pleasantly surprised, considering it's just an area show."

In addition to the membership show, a senior exhibit by Jackie Johnson, graphic designer, will be held through Dec. 19 in the Balcony Gallery of the Spiva Art Center.

DECKING THE WALLS WITH ART



Jackie Johnson, senior graphic arts major, looks over artwork for her senior exhibit, on display in the Spiva Art Center's Balcony Gallery.

STAFF PHOTO BY KAYLEA HUTSON

Will's latest analyzes America

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Suddenly, by George F. Will (429 pages; The Free Press; \$19.95)

The latest collection of essays from political columnist and Pulitzer Prize-winning commentator George F. Will, *Suddenly*, is a thoughtful examination of events in America and abroad over the last five years.

Will examines events shaping the social climate of America, the fall of Communism as a viable system of government in Eastern Europe, the strengths and foibles of American politics, and the rights and wrongs of issues affecting the human experience.

From the first chapter, *Overture*, to the final one, *Coda*, Will aims his acerbic wit and well-reasoned prose at targets as diverse as the rejection of Robert Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court and the case for night baseball in Chicago's Wrigley Field.

Will does not shy away from including essays on such divisive and inflammatory issues as abortion, capital punishment, and racism.

Abortion is the subject of three selections with "Abolition and Abortion: Reasoning Lincoln's

Way," comparing the elimination of abortion with early attempts to contain slavery.

Will criticizes pro-life forces for their all-or-nothing demands, suggesting that success might be better attained by working first at the fringes of the issue. The limitation of abortion to fetuses in the earliest stages of gestation is, according to Will, the first step—much as slavery's prohibition from the territories was the first nail in its coffin.

The essay "Don't Worry: Half of All College Seniors Have Heard of Moby Dick" raises questions about the state of higher education under the self-proclaimed education president. Will reports only 2 percent of the 3,000 institutions of higher learning have core curricula and that "Students can graduate from 38 percent of America's colleges and universities without taking a single history course."

The most entertaining of the pieces are those which deal with the lighter aspects of life. Baseball, books, and movies with a social relevance, and even the advertisement of condoms are addressed with humor, yet Will never fails to bring home through these whimsical examples a greater point.

In the August 1988 selection "Take Me Out to a Night Game," Will equates those who believe lights at Wrigley Field will ruin the "experience" with fishermen who claim that catching fish matters less than the "waves against the boat and the murmuring of the breeze in the pines." He supplants the argument of tradition with the facts. Will writes: "There have been night games in Major League Baseball since 1935. Fifty-three years constitutes a considerable tradition in an institution only 112 years old. And were it not for Pearl Harbor, the Cubs today would be in their fifth decade of night baseball. Material for light standards had been bought and was donated to the war effort."

Summaries of the years 1986-89 are included in the *Overture* section, but the real understanding of the time covered by these columns comes from reading the book as a whole. In *Suddenly*, the reader allows himself the luxury of hindsight in examining America and her role in the historic changes occurring around the globe. Additionally, the view is through the eyes of one of the most eloquent and influential journalists of our time.

Students seek Broadway heat

Openings still available for New York trip

BY DYANA PERKINS
STAFF WRITER

Although many students make their way to the warmth of Florida, some members of Missouri Southern's theatre department will seek the heat of Broadway lights.

Dr. Jay Fields, director of theatre, will lead the group on the week-long visit to New York City over spring break. The theatre department, in conjunction with the continuing education program, is sponsoring the trip.

To Fields, the East is far more exciting and beneficial to students than the South for vacation.

"This trip is really important because N.Y.C. is the place where the most professional theatre in our country is happening," he said. "A theatre student getting the opportunity to go to New York is like a person in business getting a chance to go to Wall Street."

The trip, scheduled for March 16-23, includes in its package four theatre tickets (both Broadway and Off-Broadway); round-trip air fare from Springfield to New York City;

round-trip ground transportation from LaGuardia Airport to the hotel; seven nights at the Edison Hotel; talk-backs after all productions (with actors, directors, stage managers, designers); and up-to-date flash-maps of the city.

The total price, ranging from \$776 to \$1,121, depends largely on the number of individuals per room. Meals and all other activities are not included in the fees.

Fields originated these annual trips to the "Big Apple" 11 years ago while working at the University of Kentucky. He and a former UK co-worker, Judy Snider, still try and organize their group trips together.

"We've been able to coordinate our schedules and go together for the past three years," said Fields. "All together we end up with about 70 to 80 people and, because we go with such a large group, we get some really big discounts."

Fields said of the 20 people in his group last year, only about six students from Southern went. He attributes the low number to the cost of the trip.

"Many students just don't have the money to go. We send fliers to the

Joplin Little Theatre and around town and usually pick up interest there."

Those who do go are registered in a one-hour, non-credit course. Fields said this is done so that they are affiliated with Southern and covered under insurance policies. This course includes five weekly meetings of Fields and his potential travelers. The meetings generally are briefings about "city life" and how to travel safely.

"We don't like to scare people into thinking something bad will happen to them," said Fields, "but we do want them to be safe and prepared."

Fields said after an initial day of organization and orientation, he usually does not see his fellow travelers until the nights of the shows.

"Everyone tends to go their separate ways during the days," he said, "but we keep in touch with one another to make sure we're all doing OK."

According to Fields, there are already seven individuals booked for the trip. The cut-off date for reservations will be Jan. 28, and deposits should be made as soon as possible. For more information, persons may contact the theatre department at Ext. 393.

Taylor to host Christmas programs

BY KELLY WELLS
STAFF WRITER

Christmas is traditionally a time for frolicking, fantasy, and fun as special music and programs help people celebrate the season.

This year is no exception as several holiday events are scheduled by a variety of groups at Southern.

At 7:30 p.m. today a Christmas concert is set for Taylor Auditorium. The Concert Choral and Southern Exposure will perform "A Christmas Party."

Bud Clark, director of choral activities, wrote the "small" story line for this year's theme and said it's going to be "something different, something special."

"The party" is supposed to be taking place in my house," said Clark. "The script is humorous, and I think the program will leave everyone with that warm Christmas feeling."

Clark said the annual performance will feature a wide variety of music. He expects a big crowd.

"This performance is a class requirement for both groups and somewhat serves as their final," he said. "It also helps spark interest in some students, and it can be a useful recruiting tool, as one does not necessarily have to be a music major to participate."

The performance is free of charge and open to the public.

A second program, a children's Christmas show sponsored by Joplin's Sunrise Optimist Club, will begin at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in Taylor Auditorium.

Rusty Shelley, club president, said the show will feature magic, skits, and a visit from Santa.

"Each child will receive a small gift, and we plan on a well-attended event," said Shelley. "The community is always willing to participate, and response is good."

Steiner Productions has sold tickets by telephone for the past few weeks, and the Sunrise Optimist Club will receive a percentage of those sales as members are responsible for ushering and other duties the night of the performance.

"A lot of people buy the tickets and then donate them to various youth organizations in Joplin," said Shelley. "Or the tickets are given to us and then our members disperse them to different groups."

According to Shelley, tickets have been given to the Joplin Boys Club, among other groups, and he hopes the show will raise a lot of money.

"As a non-profit organization this is a major fund-raiser, and the money goes back to youth organizations that we sponsor," Shelley said.

Camp Quality, the Joplin Boys

Club, and Little League are just three of the youth organizations the club donates money to.

"Our logo or slogan is 'Friend of Youth,' and that is what we are all about," said Shelley.

Joplin's club is a branch of Optimists International and has approximately 40 members, consisting of local businessmen and other community leaders.

Though tickets will not be sold at the door, anyone needing information may contact Shelley at 625-5200.

Also on tap, Southern's Choral Society will present its Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Phinney Recital Hall, located in the music building.

The same performance will be repeated at 3 p.m. Sunday at First Community Church, located at 15th and Murphy Boulevard in Joplin.

Dr. Al Carnine, assistant professor of music, will direct the group as it performs seven selections. "Angel Medley," "Gloria In Excelsis From 'Heiligmesse,'" and "The Shepherd's Carol" are included among the program's numbers.

Audience members will have a chance to participate as the group plans on asking those attending to join in for a Christmas carol sing-along. Favorites such as "Deck the Halls," "Jingle Bells," and "Silent Night" will be featured.

Coming Attractions

JOPLIN

Membership Show: 55 artists who are members of Spiva Art Center display 136 works; Thru Dec. 21; Spiva Art Center; 623-0183

Senior Exhibit: Graphic Designs by Jackie Johnson; Thru Dec. 19; Balcony Gallery of Spiva Art Center

Choir Christmas Concert: 7:30 p.m.; Tonight; Taylor Auditorium
Christmas Show: Presented by the Sunrise Optimist Club; Tomorrow; Taylor Auditorium

Choral Society Concert: 7:30 p.m.; Thursday; Phinney Recital Hall

Ceramic Sale: Presented by Missouri Southern ceramic students; 9 a.m. thru 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday; 10 a.m. thru 4 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. thru 5 p.m. Sunday; Today and tomorrow; Lobby of Spiva Art Center; 625-9735

SPRINGFIELD

National Invitational Drawing Exhibition: Thru Dec. 23; Springfield Art Museum; 866-2716

Springfield Area Artists Show: Thru Dec. 30; Springfield Art Museum; 866-2716

"The Nutcracker": Springfield Ballet; Landers Theatre; 862-1343

"The Mystical Manger and Marvelous Merrymaking": Mid America Singers; Saturday and Sunday; Tickets: \$9; 863-SING

"First Night Springfield": Springfield Area Arts Council; A community wide, family oriented and non-alcoholic celebration of New Year's Eve, through arts and entertainment; Dec. 31; 862-7877

TULSA

Rodin's "The Three Shades": A loan from the B.G. Cantor Foundation; Thru February; Westby Sculpture Garden; Philbrook Museum of Art; 918-749-7941

American Art in Miniature 1990: An exhibit of small-scale paintings by 50 well-known American living artists; Saturday thru Dec. 16; Gilcrease Museum; 918-582-3122

"A Christmas Carol": American Theatre Company's musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens novel; Friday thru Dec. 22; Williams Theatre; Tulsa Perform-

ing Arts Center; 918-747-9494

"The Nutcracker": Tulsa Ballet Theatre presents this holiday classic by Tchaikovsky; Chapman Music Hall; Tulsa Performing Arts Center; 918-585-2533

KANSAS CITY

Kansas City Symphony: 8 p.m.; Tomorrow; Lyric Theatre

"The Nutcracker": Performed by the state ballet of Missouri; Friday thru Sunday; Music Hall; 816-931-3330

"Frankie and Johnny": Thru Dec. 30; The Claire de Loon; 531-PLAY

ST. LOUIS

"A Christmas Carol": 7:30 p.m.; Tomorrow thru Saturday; Fox Theatre; Tickets: \$14.50, \$11.50, \$8.50, and \$4.50; 314-534-1111

"The Madcracker": 8 p.m.; Thursday thru Saturday; Edison Theatre; 314-534-1111

"I Dream A World": Portraits of Black Women who changed America; Thru Jan. 6; St. Louis Art Museum; 314-721-0067

Job Service offices to combine forces

Budget reductions close Carthage branch

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The elimination of the Carthage branch of the Missouri Job Service and the transfer of both its employees to the Joplin office is proceeding smoothly, says a local official.

"The fact that we were already working with the Carthage office and handling clients from that area has helped us avoid major problems," said Suzanne Duncan of the Joplin office.

Duncan said the two offices shared many clients because those registering in Carthage were automatically registered in Joplin as well.

Reductions in federal funding to the Missouri Division of Employment Security and an increased need for services in the St. Louis area prompted the move, Duncan said.

"The budget cuts are what they tell us is the reason [for the Carthage closing]," she said. "Apparently, the money just isn't there to keep it open."

The addition of the two Carthage employees brings the staff of the Joplin office to 29, including field auditors responsible for the Carthage area.

The Joplin office now serves Neosho and Carthage, as well as Joplin. The office's service area includes Jasper, Newton, and McDonald counties. The Joplin branch occasionally overlaps with the office in

Monett, serving persons in parts of Barton and Dade counties, as well.

While Duncan admits the commute may be inconvenient for those in the outlying areas, she does not foresee any problems with providing adequate service to these clients.

"I think things will go as smoothly as can be expected," she said. "We don't have a crystal ball, but Joplin should meet the needs of the people who request service. Within three months I expect us to provide the same degree of coverage to Carthage as we do to Neosho."

While state officials have said there will be no layoffs as a result of this move, Duncan says it will have an impact on some workers, nonetheless.

"We have two individuals scheduled for transfer," she said, "but they are unable to accept the positions in Rolla or Jefferson City that the state is offering."

Both will take layoffs instead.

"The state says there is no work where they are currently assigned," Duncan said, "but in this instance the bottom line is the same—they are not in a position to take the transfer."

Carthage business and community leaders met Nov. 28 to explore options and address the possibility of re-opening the Carthage office. Suggestions by state officials that the community underwrite the cost were rejected by the group as a form of double taxation.

CHOICES, CHOICES



STAFF PHOTO BY PHYLLIS PERRY
Russel Head of Parsons, Ks., shops at Musicland in Northpark Mall while trying to decide which selection would make the perfect gift.

Holiday shopping remains constant

BY KELLY WELLS
STAFF WRITER

Despite rumors of recession, earthquakes, and impending conflict in the Middle East, Christmas shopping is off to a brisk start this season.

With the day after Thanksgiving signaling the official start of holiday purchasing, area businesses have seen sales maintain the momentum they had last year and in some cases exceed expectations.

Donna Roark, assistant manager of Herr's in Joplin's Northpark Mall, said sales are up this year.

"Talk of recession and war have definitely not hindered shopping here," Roark said. "Sales were up the day after Thanksgiving, and we have had better days even since then."

Consumer purchasing in the men's department and the household area has been "tremendous," according to Roark, and the only surprise management has seen is the lack of fragrance purchases.

"Fragrance sales aren't going as well as they usually do," said Roark.

"That's surprising because they are a great gift idea and they always are a perfect gift."

A better selection of merchandise and advertising have really helped boost sales this year, Roark said, and in-store promotions, as well as direct-mail coupons, also are added incentives to encourage shopping.

Brad Coggin, manager of the Wal-Mart at 15th and Rangeline, said sales after Thanksgiving this year just about equaled those of 1989.

"I think people are scrutinizing their purchases more and buying less of the 'frill' items," Coggin said. "I think it is going to be a more 'basic' Christmas."

As expected, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and small appliances are big sellers this year, Coggin said.

"Small indoor grills are a new gift idea this Christmas," he said. "They kind of simulate the idea of outdoor barbecuing in your kitchen."

Coggin attributes the slower than

usual early shopping to the greater amount of time between this year's Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. As the deadline for shopping draws nearer, however, Coggin expects customers to take full advantage of extended store hours and various promotions.

"Our in-store specials and hourly specials always help business," he said.

Pat Creech, shift supervisor of Maurice's in the Northpark Mall, said the season has started off slow overall but sales are picking up some.

"Our sales on the day after Thanksgiving were great, and our store's continuous promotions help boost business," Creech said.

He said spending among college students seems to be about average this year, though he personally thinks consumers as a whole will be shopping with tighter budgets.

"I think the Middle East crisis has John Q. Public watching his purse strings a bit more," Creech said. "I myself will spend very little, due to the fact that I am a poor college student and on the verge of graduating."

Though businesses seem enthused by the sales figures they have seen thus far and anticipate seeing in the next few weeks, some shoppers plan on spending the same as last year, if not less, and will do so for a variety of reasons.

Gina Miller, senior biology major, said her shopping will be minimal this year.

"Student teaching has limited my time for outside employment and, thus, I am broke," she said. "I have got to come up with some money for various graduation expenses and, well, I just hope everyone appreciates my Christmas cards."

Keith "Beef" Brown, senior psychology major, said he will spend as usual, though his difficulties will come in the form of deciding what to buy for whom.

"I have delayed billing on one of my credit cards and hey, I am set," Brown said. "I just have no idea what I am going to get the folks."

Salvation Army works to meet \$80,000 goal

As the Christmas holiday approaches, the Joplin Salvation Army is optimistic about reaching its donation goals and meeting an increasing demand for its services.

According to Captain Garry W. Lowder, the organization is more than a third of the way toward its \$80,000 target for 1990.

"We have raised over \$28,000 so far this year," Lowder said. "I am quite hopeful that we can reach the total goal we set."

The Salvation Army is facing an increase in need for its services, and this, Lowder said, is providing a challenge.

"Our applications have more than doubled," he said. "This is both for

the Christmas programs and the regular, ongoing services. While this makes it a little more difficult, we don't perceive any major problems [meeting the need]."

The donations are collected by the Salvation Army in a variety of ways.

"We have our bell ringers around town, and we have a fairly successful mail appeal program," Lowder said.

While Lowder said the mailings are important, nearly 42 percent of all donations are collected by the bell ringers. Other methods play a role as well.

"We also have counter-top collections in stores around town," he said.

"We hope to have these in about 100 locations where the bell ringers can't go. It allows us to reach more people."

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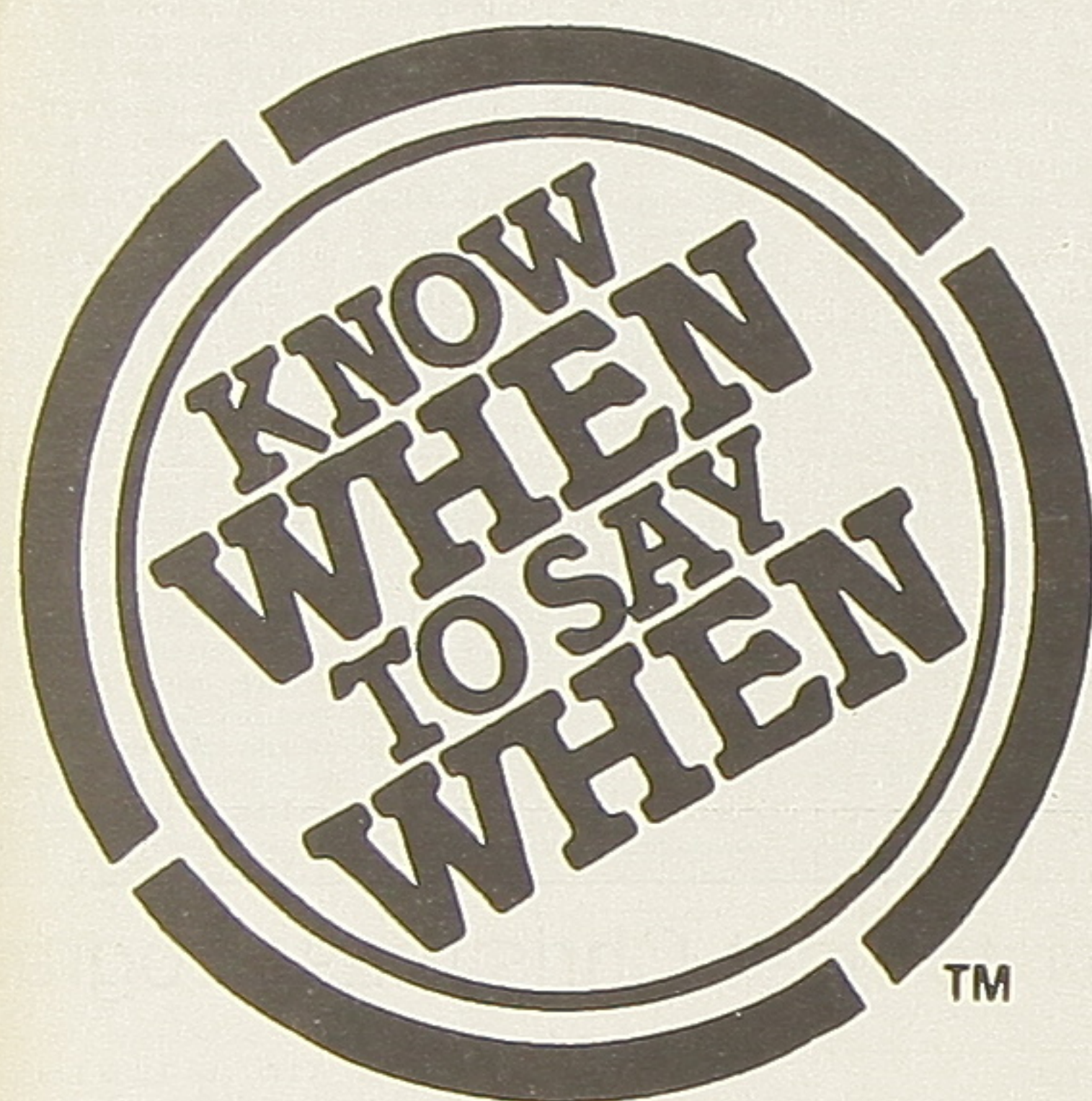
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Anheuser-Busch Reminds You To Drink Responsibly

Classes mark new life for sophomore

Jewett makes a break from drug use

BY DONNA SKOUBY
CHART REPORTER

Attending classes at Missouri Southern means the start of a future full of hope for many students. For sophomore communications major Miriam Jewett, it means the start of a new life, one free from the hazards of drug use.

Today, Jewett is an active and involved student who was selected for the communications department "Wall of Fame." She is a member of the MSTV board and Alpha Epsilon Rho, a broadcasting fraternity. She has a 3.6 grade-point average and looks forward to each day she can learn something new. Yet less than two years ago she was caught up in a bad habit.

"I was the walking dead," she says. Jewett, a Joplin native and 1978 graduate of Memorial High School, says her problem began when she started drinking at 13.

"I got drunk right away, and I liked it. I felt more relaxed and open. This was only occasional use at this point, but I drank whenever possible. "In 1975, when I was 15, I started smoking marijuana. I wasn't a troublemaker [when using drugs]. I would just go over to a friend's house and we would all smoke it."

Jewett points out that this was in 1975, when marijuana use among students was common and not perceived as a major problem.

"I thought it was a great thing. I could do this and do it well—because it helped me like myself. I got involved with pills around 1976. Just like with the liquor, I started taking large amounts right away."

At 17 she learned that her late father, Orval Jewett, a respected Joplin attorney, had been an alcoholic.

"By the time I was 17, mom had seen me drunk and she had caught me with pot. She decided to tell me about my father, believing this knowledge would help me snap out of this life of drug abuse. Actually, it only made me worse. Using drugs was the only way I could relate to a father I never knew. By mom telling me about him, everything seemed clear to me why I craved drugs."

"Mom didn't know what to do with me. For her, it was like reliving her life with my dad."

Attending high school did not deter Jewett from her drug usage.

"I would get nickel bags of muscle relaxers. I liked barbituates; that was my thing. By sixth hour of school I had taken 12 pills, two per hour."

Jewett believed this was the only way to make it through the day. The pills were better to use at school than marijuana since teachers could not be certain she was on drugs.

Only one instructor, the late Adeline Horst, confronted Jewett.

"Is something wrong?" she asked me. I said no, but by sixth hour I couldn't get a pencil in a pencil sharpener. I wanted just to cry; I was, inside. I knew something was wrong."

Jewett graduated from high school a semester early and began attending Southern immediately.

"I was miserable, but I was expected to go to college. I went out and started taking LSD. Eventually I dropped out of school and out of society. I got married, in part so I wouldn't have to deal with problems."

Jewett and her husband settled in Joplin after living in Tulsa and Florida. She was employed in a variety of jobs during this period, and she was still getting high. In 1982 she became pregnant.

"I thought this would stop me, but it didn't. I continued smoking marijuana throughout my pregnancy."

The birth of happy, healthy Benjamin brought much joy to Jewett. "Benjamin was a delightful baby. He weighed 10 pounds, 10 ounces. I couldn't ask for anything better. He even walked at seven months."

Twenty months later, Adam was born. Another healthy baby but with a strong, fiercely independent personality from the start.

Jewett stayed at home caring for her children until 1986. She continued to smoke marijuana.

"I was often very depressed. I would shut the blinds, not answer the phone, and stay stoned all day. [I was stoned] from the morning when I woke up to the time I fell into bed."

Jewett says she no longer believes anyone who says marijuana is not harmful.

"It almost destroyed me. I became a chronic user for several years."

Finally, in 1987 Jewett knew she

BACK ON THE RIGHT TRACK



STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

Sophomore communications major Miriam Jewett enjoys time with her sons, Adam (left), and Benjamin. Jewett is a former drug abuser.

had reached bottom. Her lungs hurt when she breathed from the excessive marijuana usage.

"So I started drinking—huge glasses of straight alcohol. I was 27, in poor health, and really afraid that I would not live to see my children grow up, as my father had not lived to see me grow up. And I thought if I did live, I'd be such a mess I couldn't even keep up with their schooling. It wasn't fair to these innocent little lives. Finally, in 1987 I went to CareUnit."

Jewett's admittance into the Freeman Hospital program surprised her mother.

"I had a very good facade. My mom did not know I was that bad."

"One of the many things it (marijuana) did to me was to destroy my personality. I was like an absolute nothing when I sought help, no thoughts, no opinions, nothing just numb. It is sad and frightening to look back and think about it."

Jewett completed the 28-day program, but relapsed three months later.

"I stopped December 1988. I

totally quit in 1988. I wanted to live. The truth, that I had to do it for me, not anyone else, really began to make sense."

Jewett has sought help from support groups and Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation. And she also decided to return to Southern in 1989.

"I took Introduction to Human Communication from Richard Massa, which was a great class for me at that point. The whole semester I kept thinking how he challenged my mind, my thoughts, values...I wanted to do well."

It was her interview of Mike Long, former KXMS student operations manager, that really got her involved in the communications department. Jewett was sent to interview him for Newswriting class. Long put her on the air right away.

She now has a 4.00 GPA in communications classes and is employed by MSTV.

"I like to learn. It took me until I was almost 30 to realize it. It's as if I can't get enough of life now."

Jewett was somewhat reluctant to share her story, but hoped that it

might help someone else.

"Maybe they will read this and seek out help. Life is so much better without drugs."

Jewett's attitude has completely turned around.

"Now I do everything to the best of my ability. Before, I didn't like Miriam. I didn't understand her. I didn't know who she was. I've had to think about it and pray about it."

Jewett now tries not to be so hard on herself. Yet she is more responsible than ever.

"I have a responsibility to myself, my children, and my community. I have goals now."

"If something happens which is stressful and I don't use any chemicals to deal with it, then I know I am OK. The very second I use again—forget it. I would eventually lose everything I have, and it wouldn't be long until I dropped out of school. I might lose my kids—not to mention my life."

Jewett remains optimistic that she will not return to her old ways. She attends weekly meetings of two support groups and meets with her vo-

cational rehabilitation counselor once a month.

"I get the support I need. I have a friend who helps me, too."

"I'm blessed that my kids are healthy since I abused my body so badly. Somebody was looking out for me."

Her sons are ages eight and six now. She told them about her drug usage.

"I've been honest about my drug usage. Hopefully they will grow up drug-free. Helping them with their self-esteem is extremely important to me."

Jewett tires of people who complain about the College.

"I feel so privileged to be back at Southern. I feel privileged in being accepted at MSTV. I like the people I work with."

"It used to bother me when I spoke with people and learned of all the places they had been and things they had accomplished. I felt bad that my history was that I was a recovering addict. But now I'm building a good history for myself."

Final Exam Schedule Day Classes Fall, 1990

FRIDAY, DEC 14, 1990

8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Classes that regularly meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

***** All MWF or DAILY 2, 3, 4, & 5 hour classes *****

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Former senior security officer Tom Sims (left) and security officer Dallas Fortner clown around at a reception Friday, Nov. 30 in honor of Sims, who quit his job at Missouri Southern to move to Hawaii.

Security officer heads for Hawaii

BY CARINE PETERSON
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Perhaps Tom Sims is doing something others only dream about, quitting his job and moving to Hawaii.

"It is too cold here," said Sims, who left his post as senior security officer Nov. 30. "No more Missouri weather for me. I am going to live where it is warm."

"We had so much fun when we visited there, we decided the heck with it—we are going to live there, too."

Another thing Sims liked about Hawaii is the racial harmony.

"Basically, everyone is mixed and they live in harmony," he said. "I am sure there is some racial strife, but it is better there than in most places."

Sims began working for Southern's security department about seven years ago, doing the midnight shifts and the odd shifts. He then became the senior security officer.

"Security is considered as the bad guys because we write the tickets

and everything else," he said, "but we have some real nice students here. They are fun."

According to Sims, Southern does not have a high crime rate, and most of the crime that does occur consists of petty thefts and fights.

He said he probably will remember the students most after working at Southern. He said his greatest ambition is to get a job as a security officer at the University of Hawaii-Hilo. He and his wife plan to arrive in Hawaii today.

Another reason for moving to Hawaii is so he can get back into diving. Sims, a licensed scuba diver, said, "I am not going to dive into these cold, old lakes around here anymore. I am going to dive where the water is warm."

"There is some of the most beautiful diving around the islands you have ever seen."

He also is a licensed pilot and likes to fly just for the fun of it when he has the time.

For 12 years Sims and his wife raised arabsians professionally, but

now have only three horses which they plan to ship to Hawaii after they find a place to live and a job.

After deciding to come to Missouri on a lark, he said they are now taking off on another lark.

"We all only have a limited amount of time," said Sims, "and if you don't enjoy your life while being productive, you are very foolish because 50 years from now, who is going to care."

"All you are going to have is memories. When I don't enjoy what I am doing then I change and do something else."

"I don't remember who said it, but he said we all live a life of quiet desperation. I don't tend to live that way."

Traveling to such places like New Zealand and the South Pacific is another thing Sims likes to do. He says such travel is not uncommon.

"My family was a traveling family, and I guess I still am," he said. "I must have inherited it from my folks."

Terry Hylton, 44, began work Dec. 3 as Sims' replacement.

Former Southern student to lead Webster campaign

Feather leaves state Republican post

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A former Missouri Southern student and *Chart* editor has been appointed to lead the campaign for gubernatorial candidate Bill Webster.

Tony Feather, 35, a Sarcoxie native, was named director of the Citizens for Webster political committee late last month. On Nov. 30, he stepped down as executive director of the state Republican Party, a post he held three years.

Feather said he was approached last month by Webster, now the state attorney general, to head his campaign. Feather considered it a good opportunity.

"He called and asked me if I would be interested," Feather said. "It's a great opportunity and challenge."

Feather attended Southern from

1973-75, where he held positions of sports editor and associate editor. The latter position enabled him to cover political events for *The Chart*. In the summer of 1974 he served as an intern for U.S. Congressman Gene Taylor of Sarcoxie. Feather said his experiences with the newspaper and Taylor heightened his interest in politics.

"My experiences through college were beneficial; they provided me with an opportunity to meet people," Feather said. "I think that college paid off for me. I'm very fond of my days at Missouri Southern."

Feather failed to complete his degree here. After leaving the College, he and a friend purchased *The Sarcoxie Record* in 1975. After selling the newspaper in 1977, he went to work as a reporter for *The Carthage Press*. He became executive director for the Republican Party in 1987.

While serving in this capacity, Feather said he was preoccupied with political races across the state, but now his attention is affixed to a single race.

"As executive director, it's more of a management position. But now we're actually against other members of the party," he said. "My role [as executive director] was to work with the state party leaders on programs, candidate development, fund-raising, etc. But I think this position is a lot more exciting. It's an outstanding challenge."

Feather admitted that giving up a more stable job as his party's executive director for a campaign management position involved some risk.

"Sure, it's a risk," he said, "but in this business it's the kind of risk you have to take. There's not any security. There's no sure thing. It's just one of the things you consider."

Four date rapes reported this fall

BY STEPHEN MOORE
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Although security reports indicate date rape has not been a problem at Missouri Southern, students working with College counselors paint a different picture.

According to Dr. Earle Doman, director of counseling, 14 assaults were reported during the fall of 1989 and four have been encountered this fall. No statistics were tabulated for the 1990 spring semester. Of the 18 assaults, Doman said eight can be classified as date rape.

None of these, however, were reported to Joplin police or to campus security, because all occurred more than six months ago and most were

off Southern's campus.

Doman said most of the rapes were reported through the course of working out other problems. He said that while discussing relationship problems, many of his contacts would confide that they had been raped.

"The majority have to do with ineffective relationships, lack of self-esteem, anxiety, the guilt, which may be unrealistic or not," Doman said.

He said in one case he consulted a physician to deal with the psychosomatic problems which one woman suffered as a result of her rape.

Doman said although one incidence of rape is a problem, Southern's numbers are not unusual.

"It's one of those hidden prob-

lems," he said. "We are no better or worse off than anywhere else."

In the past, Southern has sponsored seminars which attempt to curb the problem of date rape. Doman said these seminars resulted in three students coming forward to discuss their rapes.

Another seminar is planned for Southern students in the spring.

According to Dr. Betty Ipock, head of the domestic violence and sexual abuse department of the Lafayette House, in Joplin, date rape often is never reported.

"Acquaintance rape is less likely to be reported [than other forms of assault]," she said. "You're not going to call a cop because you were in the back seat. It's still rape, though."

Taiwan scholarships available for 1991-92

Applications are now being accepted for 15 scholarships for Chinese language studies in Taiwan.

The scholarships are funded by the Ministry of Education in Taiwan and administered by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities office of International Programs.

The awards, which cover the period from Sept. 1991-Aug. 1992, are

intended to provide AASCU undergraduates with the chance to begin or continue Chinese language studies at the Mandarin Training Center at Taiwan Normal University, Taipei.

The scholarship provides tuition, fees, and a monthly stipend of about \$300, which would cover about half all living expenses. Scholarship recipients will be expected to make up the remaining expenses, though English tutoring jobs are available, with

wages at \$10-\$15 an hour.

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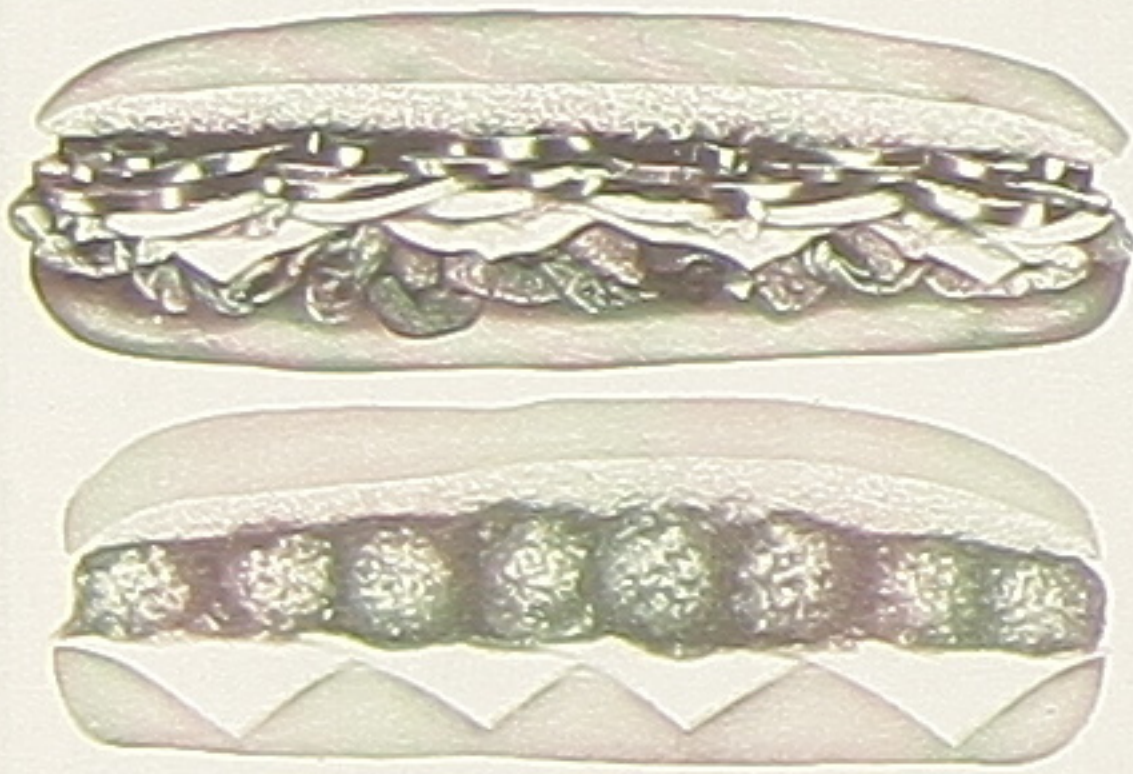
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TIGHT SPOT



Junior forward Joe Hill is sandwiched in between two John Brown University players during the final seconds of a Dec. 4 game in Young Gymnasium. The visitors from Siloam Springs, Ark., prevailed 77-74.

STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS COX

5-4 mark pleases Lady Lions' coach

BY T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After splitting two games in last weekend's Central State [Okla.] Classic, the Lady Lions' basketball record is 5-4, and Scott Ballard says he'll take it.

"Right now, I'm happy with our record," said Ballard, head coach. "We easily could have lost three of the five games we've won. For instance, we beat Texas Women's University [68-65] which was an upset."

Ballard hopes the team's successes will translate into positive results on the floor.

"We need to improve our shooting," he said. "That [shooting percentage] is mental. We need to be more confident."

The first-year coach feels that despite the problems the team has had, it is in a good position for tomorrow's home game against

College of the Ozarks.

"They play with four guards and a post man," Ballard said. "I think we match up well with them. What we will have to do is shoot better from the field, limit our turnovers, and control the boards. Beyond that, if we can keep them in a half-court game, we will have a good chance to win."

Southern began the season by losing two straight on the road, but has since recovered by capturing five of its last seven.

In their last outing, the Lady Lions captured a 71-58 victory over Cameron, giving Southern a 2-1 edge in the season series between the teams. Terri Haynes led Lady Lion scorers with 18 points, and Caryn Schumaker collected a season-high 17 rebounds.

The Lady Lions begin their MIAA schedule Jan. 9 against Pittsburg State University in Young Gymnasium.

Lions hit skids after 3-0 start

Turnover bug plagues Southern

BY ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

After starting the season on fire, the basketball Lions have dropped two games in a row and three of their last four.

Even with their recent hard times, the 4-3 Lions feel confident about the remainder of the season.

"It's not the end of the world," said junior forward Kenny Simpson. "We just need to execute and pull together."

The Lions began the season by beating Bartlesville Wesleyan in the opener, then sweeping the Pro-Am Athletics/Oak Hill Hospital Classic over the Thanksgiving holiday. The Lions then split two games on the road, losing to Drury College in Springfield, but coming out on top of Christian Brothers College in Memphis.

On Dec. 4, in its last home game, Southern dropped a heartbreaker to John Brown University, 77-74.

"We have lost some tough games," said junior guard Spencer Williams. "We lost to John Brown, and we shouldn't have even come close to losing. We need to learn how to play the whole 40 minutes."

"I don't think anytime you play like that you are satisfied," said Coach Robert Corn. "We would like to be better right now. We're still learning a lot about our basketball team. We're still trying to establish our identity."

Statistically, the Lions have outscored their opponents by a 79-77

average in the first seven games. Simpson is the leading scorer and rebounder, averaging 18.3 points and 10.9 boards per game. But he still sees room for improvement in his game and from the rest of the Lions.

"Right now I don't think we are playing at 100 percent," said Simpson. "We have the talent and the people to be a good ball club, but I think we are just going through the motions, myself included. I'm not playing the way I can."

Corn also sees plenty of room for improvement in the young Lions.

"Our execution has got to be better," he said. "We have had too many turnovers in the last three games. That's an area we are very concerned with."

In Southern's 66-59 loss at East Texas State Saturday, the Lions again were plagued with the turnover bug, committing 19.

"We didn't shoot the ball very well," said Corn. "When you go on the road and shoot 38 percent from the field, 58 percent from the line, and have 19 turnovers, it's going to be difficult to win. We had a lot of good shots, but we just couldn't get them in the basket."

The Lions will travel to the College of the Ozarks tonight to play the 7-3 Bobcats at 7:30.

"They're going to be difficult to beat," said Corn. "They shoot the ball really well. They average about 21 three-point shots a game. They mix up their defenses a lot, also."

Southern then will be idle until Jan. 7, when it hosts Rockhurst.



ROD SHETLER

Rowdy fan support is a plus

I know it sounds unreasonable, but finally a group has stepped forward at Missouri Southern to initiate some crowd reaction at men's and women's basketball games.

The men's and women's cross country teams have been screaming, chanting, and ringing cowbells (to the lament of at least one women's basketball coach from Northeastern State) lately at games, and the only regret I can think of is that this support wasn't there all along from everyone at Southern.

In my short two and a half years at Southern, one regret I have is that our crowds haven't shown the loud and boisterous support that colleges and universities are known for across the United States. In high school I had visions of the college life: going to basketball games, getting rowdy, and yelling obscenities at the other team and referees. In reality, in two years there is not one basketball game I can think of here that showed more than the average, polite, clapping support for the teams.

Being loud at games centers around organization. I have gotten together with groups of eight or 10 guys who have gone to games with the intention of getting loud. These sojourns have more often than not turned into eight or 10 guys sprawled on the bleachers with their most strenuous activity being another trip to the concession stand.

Granted, the University of Missouri-Columbia is a much larger university than Southern, and partying is a way of life at Mizzou. However, the group there known as the Antlers should be a model for every other rowdy wanna-be group in the world.

The Antlers have so intimidated some players on the opposing teams that they have verbally threatened the Antlers in the middle of the game. In at least one incident, a player actually jumped into the crowd and challenged the members of the club. Anytime a group of students has that much influence on an opposing team, those players stop thinking about the game and start thinking about something else. Hence, the home-court advantage has been produced.

What shouldn't be forgotten, however, is that the No. 1 thing a group should do is support its own college. Even though it is more fun poking fun at the other team, building up Southern should be of No. 1 importance.

The argument that some students bring up is that the basketball teams here have been difficult to cheer for in the last few seasons. I have to admit that during my first year at Southern, victories by the men's basketball team were few and far between. But in the last few seasons the basketball team has been moving in the right direction, and this season, with the support it deserves, Southern should win more games than it loses.

The Lady Lions also are improved this season over last, with a new head coach and plenty of new talent. The addition of the cross country teams' cowbells and megaphones also had a big impact in the Dec. 5 game with Northeastern State. When the Northeastern coach complained about the cowbells, it initiated an even louder crowd reaction from the rest of the Missouri Southern faithful.

So to the cross country teams, I want to say good job and keep it going. Maybe someday the rest of the crowd will follow your lead.

To everyone else at Southern: follow the cross country teams' example and make Young Gymnasium a place other teams don't want to come.

Riddle places 12th in nation

BY NICK COBLE
STAFF WRITER

Everything fell into place for Jason Riddle as he ran his "ultimate race" during national competition. Riddle placed 12th, receiving All-American honors.

The NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships were held Nov. 17 in Arcata, Calif. Riddle ran the 10,000-meter race with a personal best of 30:18.

"If you had asked him at the first of the year if he'd ever broken 31:00 in the 10,000 meters, he would have said 'No,'" said Coach Tom Rutledge. "But that was before he believed he could."

Riddle set personal bests for his 10,000-meter mile splits while at nationals, running 4:24 in the first mile.

"I just wanted to stay with the leaders and hold on as long as I could," said Riddle, who paid particular attention to Southeast Missouri State's Jimmy Herald (fifth

place, 29:49.)

"If I could get his mind off of nationals and say 'Hey, this is just a race,'" said Rutledge. "You go out with Herald, you go out with that front pack, and you're going to have to bust your tail."

Having placed in the top 25, Riddle received All-American honors from the National Cross Country Coaches Association. He becomes the first cross country All-American at Missouri Southern.

"That's something that no one can ever take away from Jason," said Rutledge. "It's good for the program because it shows we have validity."

Rutledge said many deserving athletes sit at home during nationals due to unnecessary NCAA politics.

"There's no doubt in my mind that Jon Hatley could have been All-American," he said, referring to another Southern runner. "I don't agree with the NCAA way that they choose what teams get to go, because a lot of the teams that were at nationals didn't deserve to be there."

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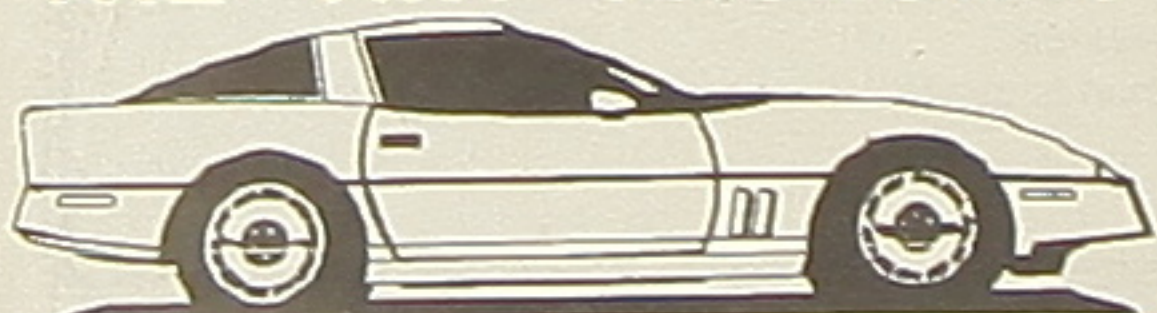
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Alumnus serves in Gulf

Prewitts understand son's decision to join military

BY DIANE VAN DERA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

I think if you asked all the mothers of the boys over there, they'd be willing to go," said Phyllis Prewitt. "I'm serious. Probably the fathers, too."

Second Lt. Greg Prewitt is a logistics officer presently on an amphibious ship sailing the Persian Gulf.

He also is a graduate of Missouri Southern, receiving magna cum laude honors in political science in 1989.

"He's always wanted to go into the service," Mrs. Prewitt said. "And we told him, 'Wait until you finish college,' because we were thinking that he would change his mind."

"Finally in his last year of college, he went to his Marine recruiter, took the test, and that's when he said he was going to go after he graduated."

"He's always wanted to be a professional soldier," said Pete Prewitt, Greg's father. "He's a good one, too."

When Greg received his orders to go to the Persian Gulf, he called his parents to tell them he was moving out. He could not tell them where he was going, so he just said in answer to their questions, "You know where I'm going."

He commands more than 30 men. His job as logistics officer is to make sure supplies flow continuously from the ship to the front lines. He also is in command of a helicopter squad. The squad's job is to air lift tanks, ammunition, and supplies to the front lines.

"He said he would be one of the first ones off out there because he would be directing things," Mrs. Prewitt said.

His father added that he would end up right behind the front lines. "He'll be in a dangerous spot," he said.

The Prewitts last heard from their son when he called from Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. Mrs. Prewitt said they hear from him about once a month.

The problem with communications is what they can and cannot ask or tell. Mrs. Prewitt said they were told the rules at the beginning

of the ship-to-shore call, and if any of the forbidden questions are asked, the phone call is cut off.

"You can't ask him the things that you really want to know," said Mr. Prewitt. "You can't ask him where he is, how he is, what the situation is over there, or when he's coming home."

"The ship-to-shore I can't stand," added Mrs. Prewitt.

was dangerous."

Mrs. Prewitt said she feels Greg is getting more from his service than he could if he stayed on in a different profession.

"He's getting to see places that I know he'd never ever see," she said. "And he's getting to meet a lot of people who I think will be his friends for life."

About two weeks ago, when Greg

"He's always wanted to go into the service. And we told him, 'Wait until you finish college,' because we were thinking that he would change his mind."

—Phyllis Prewitt

Besides being Neosho fire chief, Mr. Prewitt also is a pilot with his own plane. For the Fourth of July holiday, he flew his wife and son, Eric, to Camp Lajune, N.C., where Greg was stationed, for a visit. It was the last time they saw him before he was sent over.

According to Mr. Prewitt, the flight got in at about 10 p.m., right at the height of the fireworks. The experience, he said, was interesting.

"It was so beautiful," he said, "and any other time it would have been nice, except that we were trying to land."

"It was worth it. All the agony of flying over the mountains, and the haze and clouds, all the blood, sweat, and tears."

The Prewitts have two other sons. One, Pete, is a fireman like his father, and Eric has finished the first of two stages of enlistment in the Marine Corps.

Eric has already completed officer training. After graduation from college, he will go into basic training. At any time he can quit his training and not go into the Marine Corps, but his father said, "He won't."

"I don't want him to do this, but I have to say that they have the right to choose," his father said.

"This is something they wanted," said Mrs. Prewitt, "and they knew it

was in Oman, he received a chance to dine with the Council General of Oman. The Council General is head of all the Oman consulates worldwide. He wanted some Marine officers at his table, and Greg and some of his friends volunteered.

"It may be better food," said Mrs. Prewitt.

Mrs. Prewitt said when Greg left the country, he left his belongings and car with a friend also stationed at Camp Lajune.

However, the friend has now been called over to Saudi Arabia.

Greg's belongings are at the friend's house with his wife, but Mrs. Prewitt said if anything should happen, the Prewitts will be told and measures will be taken to put the things in storage.

"That makes me think that it's going to be a long time before he comes home," she said.

Those wishing to
write to Greg may do
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HELPING HANDS



Diane West runs a support group for families with members taking part in Operation Desert Shield.

Group helps families cope

BY DIANE VAN DERA
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Curiosity and a desire to speak with others with family involved in the Persian Gulf crisis prompted Diane West to start a support group for these families.

"In the beginning, I had hoped to get to know two or three other people who had a son or daughter over there," West said. "But it grew so rapidly. I mean it just really grew overnight. That first meeting we had 120 people and were turning people away."

West began the search for family of Operation Desert Shield personnel by calling recruitment offices and the American Red Cross. She said the response at first was not great.

"I really wasn't coming up with a whole lot," she said. "And we were a little bit discouraged."

West decided the only way to get better response would be through the local television stations.

"I went to a friend's house that night, and when I came home, Joe (her youngest son) had the interviews set up," she said. "So that's basically how we got started, and it just kind of ballooned from there."

The story was aired on a Sunday evening. West said she received several calls that night. *The Joplin Globe* ran her story the next Sunday and the response from that, she said, was overwhelming.

"When that story hit on Sunday, the phone rang from 6:30 a.m. until 12:30 that night," West said. "I was on the phone constantly that day."

At present, there are about 100 people signed up for the group, but only about 30 active members.

The group holds bi-weekly meetings on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the

American Red Cross, 410 Jackson.

The group will hold a candlelight vigil tonight at Calvary Baptist Church in Joplin.

"We thought closer to the holidays would be a more special time," West said. "People are more sentimental."

She functions as a source of information for the people in the group and about what services are available to help them communicate with their family members in the Middle East.

West said she wants the group to be a place of support for those who need to talk about their family members and what they are feeling while they are gone.

"It is somewhere they can come and share that common bond. We have families that without this outlet, they would be lost."

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